THE VALUES OF EDUCATION
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The primary concern of Filipino parents is giving proper education to their children whatever their status in life is. They will do everything, and be their best to earn just to send their children to school.

The government provides the best possible education to its citizens. Article 15, section 1 of the Constitution states that “The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

Filipino parents put so much value on education that in remote villages in the archipelago, it is not uncommon to see school children hiking across hills and valleys for hours just to attend their classes in barangays where there are public schools. Even in areas where there are sporadic armed conflicts, students risk life and limb just to get formal education.

Almost 21 million elementary and high school students and millions of college students in both private and public schools all over the country “burn their eyebrows”, so to speak, to boost our literacy rate further.

But the ability to read and write is not real indicator for one to be considered literate. This must be complemented by the facility to think critically and intelligently, specially on issues that affect the lives of our people.

Literate people are vital factor in the progress and growth of the nation. It is a strong guarantee that the country will survive. The classroom, the home, and practically every place can be vitalized as working laboratory to foster literacy among our people.

It is imperative that the country pursue quality education to promote personal growth of its citizens and ensure national progress in the midst of global conflicts and severe health problems besetting the region. With the adoption of reforms in education and related areas, the Philippines can truly become a country of educated and highly skilled people ready to face the challenges today and the coming days, that is the future.

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