THE YOUTH OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

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In this age of enlightenment, it is natural for the youth to struggle for better education and to dance with the modern trend of civilization but must not necessarily be different from the youth of yesterday with fine traits.

As we go around this country and visit every nook of the Philippines we are going to notice the changes that had taken place in the lives of the Filipino Youth. Their mode of dressing; their behaviour and their physical appearances are no longer the reflections of the Filipino Youth dreamt of by the greatest Filipino Martyr – Dr. Jose Rizal.

Gone are the respect and reverence of the youth to their parents. Gone are their obedience and politeness to their elders. Gone are the days of the chivalrous attitudes of our young men towards our young women. There is no decency and innocence of our young people. Gone are the characters of ideas during the old days.

Perhaps due to modernization our youth became highly susceptible to vices. Drug addiction, gambling and drinking alcohol including smoking became rampant among our youth. Many of our youngster are engaged in committing the most heinous and vicious crimes. It is earn and social ways of living or probably an influence of the mediocre society.

Such situations call for responsible parents. It is their main obligation and responsibility to look after their children; to see to it that their children are well protected from the claws of the evils and temptations that surround them.
The Philippines is now on the threshold of the glorious future. By the year 2010 the dream of every Filipino for progress and abundance will be realized. I would therefore advise every youth of the land to grab hold of every opportunity that presents for just like what Dr. Jose Rizal said – the future of a nation lies on the very hands of its competent Juveniles.

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