TRUST IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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In layman’s term, Public Administration can simply be thought as the implementation of government policies. But in a deeper sense, public administration is also a commitment. A public servant should aim to serve the community by strictly abiding the rules and regulations set by the government. Having this kind of desire to serve the public could make a very big difference in the lives of every Filipino.

In this very challenging time for the government, because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we should ask ourselves these following questions: How well does our government administer the public? How committed are the public servants to help the community? Does the public trust the government to overcome these hindrances? And how does the government manage its finances considering the jaw-dropping amount of current loans of our country?

Every public servant is bounded by a code of conduct that they should always be accountable to people, serve with the best of their ability, and advocate public interest rather than personal concerns. But what are they doing? Most often than not, public servants are linked to negative things such as corruption, inefficiency, and politicization. This problem has been going around for too long and has not yet been deteriorating.

One of the most crucial and controversial parts of the government’s tasks is the handling of the nation’s finances. The Finance Sector is a part of the government where public fund is entrusted. Public servants working in this sector should be able to monitor the usage of government fund, prevent misappropriation, report the status of various funds and their utilization, and provide financial data and information for
various purposes. But with the current loans and spending of our country, the government lacks transparency on how these finances are being handled. This is one of the reasons why the government lacks public trust.

With all these being said, the bottom line is that public trust is an integral part of the democratic system. The government should gain the citizens’ full trust and confidence by serving with honesty and integrity. Public servants should be committed in considering the welfare and interest of their people. This kind of relationship is the key to the success of our nation.

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