UNSUNG HEROES OF DIVERSE AND DIGITAL GENERATION

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I am searching for this song that I heard once while listening to a radio, the lyrics went something like this: “You’ve been working every day and night, that’s how a superhero learns to fly. Every day, every hour, turn the pain into power!” The idea is really about heroes in the world and calls out to those people who are experiencing the toughest of times but still keep their head held high because they have an ultimate purpose. The idea is that a superhero can come with many personality traits and characteristics but what makes a superhero a super hero? What makes them different?

Each year, the Philippines celebrates Araw ng mga Bayani or National Heroes Day on the last week of August. It pays tribute to no specific hero- past and present, those who have devoted their whole lives to nation-building, peace, justice, freedom, who actually made a huge contribution to the community. Heroes also abound in school and there is no doubt that they deserve to be replicated. Teachers actually earned the label as the heroes of diverse and digital generation. They shoulder the most difficult tasks of providing our students high quality education as they are the hopes of our mother land.

Our teachers today are often taken too casually. Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT)- Negros President Gualberto Dajao said the teachers’ load has become more and more burdensome over the years as the Department of Education has been implementing work policies that demand greater time and efforts. This has deprived the teachers to have adequate time to rest, denying teachers of considerable time to prepare for their daily lessons and most of all causing a very stressful experience, he said. Their daily sad stories and battle are visible because of heavy workload, they even handle overcrowded classes, deal with ornery students all day long, lack of teaching materials and the likes.
Teachers take the extra effort of finding instructional materials for their use and their students and they even spend their own money on their student rewards and classroom to make it more conducive to learning. They find ways to innovate and make the lessons more interesting and interactive. These are some of the hardships most public school teachers face in holding their daily teaching career. They are the real masters of multitasking. They teach more than just their subject and it continues long even their students get home. As educator, they go extra mile for the benefit of the learners.

The government on the other hand should pay attention on providing intervention to re-examine the current issues of the education system nowadays. They should focus onto their most pressing needs so that they would no longer find other jobs abroad.

Indeed, teaching is the noblest among all the professions since all professionals came through with a teacher. They actually shape our future and ensure us to be a responsible citizens of the Philippines. They are the ultimate instrument of God to touch our lives forever.

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