VICTORIOUS DEAL: HEADING TOWARDS SPORTS DOMINANCE

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Over the years, sporty kids are becoming progressive in numbers and their interest in sports is becoming bigger which surely coincides to the fact that this is a clear example of a good idea. Since the country recently reclaimed its victory which it has won during the 2005 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games being the overall champion of the said biennial regional tournament. Gearing up and developing more athletes could mean more than just topping such event but even bringing home more prideful winnings in other games in the international arena such as Carlos Yulos’ success in Germany in the field of gymnastics just recently. Investing in sports and honing athletes at an early age would make more than just competitive sportsmen but even iconic personalities such as Efren “Bata” Reyes and more.

The opening and development of more facilities such as the aquatic centre in Clark City as well as the newly-built stadium which also stood tall in the said area are somehow the pioneering steps in investing more on sports as the country is really gifted with thousands of athletes, only if they would be given enough support and training from the sports bureau. Funding sports equipment and hiring more trainers would be the best spearheading techniques in order to create powerful athletes just like how other nations are doing. Also, taking the roles as the sports promoters must also be one among the primary itineraries of being educators who are majoring in Physical Education since the curriculum includes various lessons which are inclined to sports such as the inclusion of table tennis, volleyball, basketball and many other events that could steal the interest of the learners and would trigger them to invest more in such to become known and capable sportsmen. Besides, P.E. is such an avenue to filter capabilities and separate the aspiring athletes based on their abilities.
Aside from the aforementioned matter, one of the most significant actions that the Philippine government is into at this moment is the development of the Philippine High School for Sports which will eventually be built at the New Clark City and is expected to rise in 2021. This institution specialising in sports will provide scholarships for country’s aspiring athletes which will run from junior to senior high school coinciding to six years in total with full accommodation and free lodging at the world-class Athletes’ Village (Pag-iwayan, 2019). Aside from being trained in a high quality facility and by educators who are specialising in sports, this would also pave the way for underprivileged aspirants who are very much capable of competing in a wider arena yet bear no resources at all. In a bigger picture, such investment in the said institution would be a win-win deal having more internationally competitive Filipino student-athletes and contributing to the worsening case of out-of-school youth in the country.

Taking into account the need for more coaches, educators and trainers once the said institution starts running, more opportunities for teachers specialising in Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health would be opened. Since MAPEH teachers are commonly taking the roles as coaches in every school as emphasized by Anayasan (2015), it would be a great avenue to not just share their pedagogical skills but even train the young athletes all the necessary attitudes and abilities that a sportsman must possess. More teachers will be qualified and really such investment in sports will leave no one behind considering all the positive outcomes once all the plans and blueprints are materialised.

More than just producing facilities and sports stadiums, any nation must invest more on developing their manpower who are really capable of bringing home medals and trophies. Sports, just like education, pays the greatest once it has been invested with enough time, funding and efforts. Producing athletes will never be an easy task and building and institution which could hone all the deserving athletes in the country would make a steadfast and solid result. Also, such investment in sports would surely benefit educators who are being given double roles as instructors and coaches. Since at least 80,
000 new educators just passed the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) just recently and thousands among those must be specialising and majoring in MAPEH, huge doors will be opened for these instructors who will be very much willing to be a part of the historic winnings of the country.

Philippines could haul thousands of medals more and could top hundreds of other sporting events. The country has just started its campaign and through allotting enough funds, investing trust and efforts to the athletes and lifting up their morale, more Yulo and Diaz will soon rise as the country continues its podium finishes in international and regional events.

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