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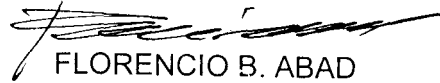
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GRADUATION MESSAGE

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of the Secretary's Graduation Message.
2. All DepED officials and school heads are encouraged to disseminate the message in their areas during this time of the year where graduation exercises are held in schools all over the country.


FLORENCIO B. ABAD
Secretary

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education



SECRETARY'S GRADUATION MESSAGE

Ladies and gentlemen:

This day marks a major milestone in the lives of the young Filipinos we honor at this very special event.

To them— and to their parents, guardians, and all others who have nurtured and supported them throughout the course of their educational journey— this day represents the culmination of and the reward for years upon years of hard work and sacrifice.

It is therefore only fitting that this be a time for celebration.

And when we take into account the fact that only 3 out of 10 Filipino children actually finish high school, the achievement that each and every one of you are celebrating today becomes even more significant.

It is not simply because you represent the top thirty percent of our young in terms of educational achievement. Nor is it simply because you have an edge over others— those who, for one unfortunate reason or another, have received little or no education.

More so, your achievement is made more significant because it corresponds to the magnitude of the responsibilities you now have over

those of others— it represents the responsibilities you now have over those who have less.

As we have been told:

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

A lot more is demanded from you. A lot more is asked from you. And a lot more is expected from you.

You must therefore maintain a perfect balance between your personal needs and your public needs— your duty to be of service to your community and your country— your duty to be of service to God and humanity.

Beyond the standard 3R's— beyond what you have learned in English, Math or Science— your education should have provided you with the training for a life of virtue. Beyond the 3R's, your education should have given you character.

So, as you receive your respective diplomas— as you move on to confront greater challenges in the very near future— you must bear in mind that none of this would mean anything if you have failed to learn the right

virtues and acquire enough character to enable you to effectively move forward in your quest for a more consequential life.

The true test of your achievement is anchored on your ability to take the knowledge you have gained in school and translate it into meaningful action.

Without it, you would have learned nothing.

With it, you would have all the weapons you would need to overcome all challenges. With it, you would have made all your previous efforts worthwhile. And with it, your current achievement would really be a cause for celebration for us all.

May this important accomplishment in your life serve as a reminder of your responsibilities not only to yourself and your family but also to your community and your country. May it guide you to achieve even more so you can become more productive members of society. And may it empower you to reach even greater heights as Filipinos and as citizens of the world.

With perseverance and prayer, I am sure you will succeed in living meaningful lives.

Congratulations to the Class of 2005.