



Republic of the Philippines Department of Education

Tanggapan ng Kalihim
Office of the Secretary

MESSAGE

I would like to express my warmest greetings and congratulations to the graduating learners, faculty, school officials and staff for their Commencement Exercise for School Year 2020-2021.

On behalf of the Department of Education (DepEd), I am honored to be part of the accomplishments and milestones of this year's graduating batch. Despite being tested in an extraordinary time, our learners persevered and made valuable gains for their future.

While this historic season gave unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, I am confident that this new breed of Filipino nation-builders – one that has experienced unusual obstacles – will be vital in moving the country for the years to come.

Our heroes in the history of our country have faced many challenges without hesitation and fear to seek truth and freedom through education, and like those today who continue to go great lengths to assiduously provide support for our education, they stand firm in Jose Rizal's words, "Without education and liberty, which are the soil and the sun of man, no reform is possible, no measure can give the result desired."

Let this ceremony be a reminder that we can overcome anything through our concerted efforts. And with DepEd supporting you in every way possible, we will be able to respond to every challenge, especially in the basic education sector.

For our parents and teachers, we are greatly indebted to the dedication that you have given to your children during this crisis. Truly, your efforts have come to fruition as we celebrate this momentous day.

Let us continue to seek growth and opportunities for a safer, healthier, and kinder place to nurture our future leaders and nation-builders.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary