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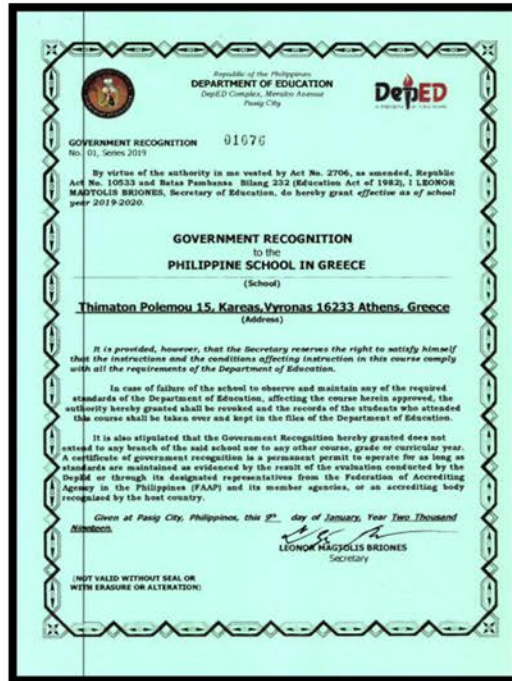
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DepEd Grants The Philippine School in Greece Government Recognition



The Philippine School in Greece has finally reached a new milestone in its 21 years of operation as it receives its most awaited permit to operate.

Honored guests, USEC. Astravel Pimentel-Naik (CFO), Dir. Marie del Rosario - Apattad (CFO) Dir. Jocelyn Andaya (DepEd) and Usec. Lorna Dino (DepEd) accompanied by Cultural Attachè Mr. Jose Christian Palillo conducted a thorough Ocular Inspection in which the PSGians exerted much effort for.

The PSG family specifically selected teachers, parents and students underwent an interview administered by the dignitaries as a part of their Ocular Inspection.

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Feature Story:

The Pearl of the Orient in a Nutshell Youth Leaders in the Diaspora



I'm a Filipino, and I'll always be one. It isn't about geography; it isn't about boundaries. It's about giving back to the country that shaped me. (Blond and Blue Eyes, Patricia Evangelista)

Youth Leaders in the Diaspora (YouLeadD) is a Philippine cultural immersion program of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) intended for Filipino youth who were born abroad or migrated at an early age, such that they are appines, the participants are

not very familiar with Philippine culture.

It aims to provide young Filipinos overseas the opportunity to trace their roots and discover their cultural heritage. Through experiencing life in the Philippines, the participants are expected to gain a better understanding of the country and its people, and greater awareness and appreciation of their rich Filipino heritage. The experience will hopefully instill and preserve a sense of national pride among the participants, bridge the gap between their native and

serve as catalyst in the participants' search and realization of their Filipino identity. Commission On Filipinos Overseas.

In YouLead's 2018 implementation, nine delegates participated—four from the Philippine School in Greece, and five from The New Kuwait-Philippines International School. Fortunate to be with me, Anthony Kier Carbonel, in this unforgettable journey are my schoolmates: Edgar David Barairo, Jonathan Cacatian and Michelle Kyle Balba. This year's itinerary brought the delegates to the provinces of Bulacan, Zambales and Manila specifically Gawad Kalinga Enchanted Farm, Yangil Village, and Intramuros.

On our way to the hostel, we couldn't contain our excitement for it would be our first time to be involved in an immersion as remarkable and interactive as this. We admit that anxiety also ran throughout our bodies but our enthusiasm to be there definitely over-powered it.

Our guides and the facilitators of the said immersion are representatives from the Commission on Filipinos Overseas namely; Ms. Mayumi Kaye Peralta, Ms. Patricia Batac, and Ms. Patricia Salvador. We couldn't ask for anything more because they were very accommodating and at the same time relatable and as enthusiastic as us. It was evident that they were committed in

educating us, the Filipino Youth Overseas about our Motherland in all its glory.

FAMILIARIZING OURSELVES WITH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT THE GAWAD KALINGA ENCHANTED FARM.

A four-hour van ride brought us to Angat, Bulacan where the Gawad Kalinga Enchanted Farm was situated. The first thing we observed upon stepping off the van was the diversity both in nature and in people. It was definitely an epitome of a melting pot.

The Gawad Kalinga Enchanted Farm, true to its name, enchanted the delegates through lived and moving stories. It is an avenue for one to get to know....

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EDITORIAL



SHOT OF IMMUNITY OR DEATH

500,000 severe cases, 4 million people per year are affected by the dengue fever. In April 2016, the Philippine government's immunization program led by the Department of Health vaccinated 830,000 elementary schoolchildren with the world's first vaccine against dengue, the Dengvaxia. It is a dengue vaccine that immunizes one from a potentially life-threatening tropical mosquito-borne disease. Due to this, the government funded a costly amount of P3.5B to this organization.

The vaccine's manufacturer, Sanofi Pasteur, reported on November 29, 2017 that new data showed a loss of efficacy in seronegative patients. The vaccine was said to be safer use if you have had the virus at least once you have had the virus at least once. A vaccinated seronegative patient could face the risk of contracting severe dengue. As the death toll of vaccinated seronegative patients rises, the parents set off panic and raised

consciousness about having their children vaccinated or not. The controversy steered to the termination with the usage of Dengvaxia. This induced such a severe damage with the loss of such a really helpful vaccine due to unnecessary panic.

It was said that the dengue vaccine was used as a political tool. The vaccination program that was launched was during the election year. There's a possibility that the vaccines may have been rushed in order to be used as a prop in political campaign.

Dengvaxia is not the only vaccine in the world, but because of the fear it brought, the people lost its trust in the government and caused some parents to neglect different types of vaccines for their children. As of February 2019, 136 people died, mostly kids, due to measles outbreak amid vaccination fears. About half of the 136 who perished were children aged 1 to 4 and many of those who died were not inoculated. President Duterte

stated, "They are afraid. They think it is dangerous. But based on statistics, we have 110 million people. If two or three die because of that, it does not set a trend or record. On the other hand, it is alarming to the government for people to shy away from vaccination for their children." He is trying to convey that a small fraction does not represent a whole. The fear of not having your children vaccinated is the same risk as having a vaccinated seronegative patient. We shouldn't wait for diseases to worsen when in fact, it can be prevented

Misunderstanding and miscommunication are factors that augmented to the vaccination fears. It is important to know which sources are trusted and reliable to prevent misunderstanding. Deaths could have been prevented if the vaccination program continued. Lives could have been saved, only if the people trusted the government.

By: Edgar David Baratro



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear PSG Community,

"LEARN TO ADVANCE, LEARN TO FAIL, LEARN TO CORRECT, AND LEARN TO SUCCEED."

These are my guiding words that help me with my day to day role as the School Head.

I am very proud to be the Principal of this wonderful school. It is a privilege for me to work with our students, our staff, and our families to make our school the very best it can be. My aim is to lead our school community, to enable us to work together, and to achieve our goals.

We aim to create a safe, nurturing yet challenging environment that is built on positive relationships; developing the whole student – emotionally, socially and academically. We care for and appreciate each of our students as the unique individuals that they are, each with distinct talents, interests and needs, and each with differing learning styles.

We provide an appealing and stimulating curriculum that is flexible and tailored to the needs of each and every student as we strive for high educational outcomes for all our students. Our passionate teachers ensure our students, grow in confidence and capabilities and develop the skills for the rapidly changing, 21st century living. Engaging learning programs that cater for

individual differences and learning styles are devised and delivered by our skilled, talented and dedicated teachers. We use innovative techniques, rich resources, proven instructional strategies and engaging programs to promote student learning. We develop in each of our students a curious, enquiring and discriminating mind, a desire for knowledge and a set of skills; linguistic, mathematical, scientific, artistic, physical, emotional and social.

Changes are natural. I am very passionate about finding creative ways to enhance the school experience for all of our students. I look forward to continue working with the school community to further develop our instructional programming, while providing a nurturing environment where students can thrive and grow.

I believe that communication is an extremely important part of the educational process. Our teachers, administrators, guidance counselor and support staff are committed to providing opportunities for parents/guardians to be active participants in your student's educational process. When questions or concerns are identified related to student performance the parents, teachers, administrators, counselors and support staff can work together to develop plans of action to address the student's needs.

Mrs. Gracia Celia G. Nickel
Principal



PARENT'S CORNER

Our children are our treasures, our love, our ultimate and our lives. For many working parents like us, balancing jobs and family obligations can be a huge challenge.

Yes, I do agree we work so hard to provide the best we can for our family needs, material and spiritual

welfare and healthy growth as well, that sometimes we can't even find time for our children anymore. However, these are not enough; let's not forget our greatest roles towards our children: "SACRIFICE, PATIENCE and most of all our LOVE, GUIDANCE and our TIME".

We must love them in a responsible manner, inspire them by our own exemplary life, and must never neglect to correct their mistakes in a very loving way. Let's all be their

best friends, not their enemies. Open our ears, arms and hearts to every situation they might need our support. Let them feel free to tell anything about their lives instead of lying and hiding things that we parents need to be aware of.

Our children need us, they need our hugs, they need our kisses, they need our attention, and care. Gadgets and money are not enough to cover up our absence. Let us make them feel our presence in their lives.

Let us allot at least 10 minutes of our time before

bedtime to ask them how their day was. That is already more than enough to cover our absence the whole day. Let's enjoy and treasure these moments; let's not put it to waste. This is their most crucial age in which they need us the most. Let us guide and support them towards the right path and make them grow happy and successful.

We are all aware that children not being cared and loved by their parents grow into a "juvenile delinquent" and I am sure none of us would like that to happen. We all want what's best

for our children and we as parents are their role models. Let us fill the empty space between us; it's not yet too late

Let us all be the best parents we could be. No matter how busy and tired we are from our daily works, remember that children's success is also our success. They are our reflections in life.

Good luck and God bless us all.

By: Angelita Edrozo

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The guests were entertained upon arrival by the majorettes in their very flamboyant getups together with the PSG marching band with their outstanding performance as the PSGians cheer and applaud them with pride.

Amidst everyone's anticipation, the Permit to Operate Certificate was finally awarded to the Philippine School in Greece last January 9, 2019. Everyone's efforts definitely didn't go to waste.

Selected students also exhibited their talents as they dance to Philippine Folk Music and sang to several ballad songs.

It is expected that this galvanizes the students and faculty to go the extra mile related to any scholastic matter.

By: Anthony Kier Carbonel



Delegates from the Department of Education and Philippine School Overseas visit the Philippine School in Greece.

Photo by: Wilhelmina Buado

PSG Marks Academic Year Beginning With A Mass

As the Philippine School in Greece began the school year 2018 - 2019, it celebrated its first Holy Eucharist in the school, presided by Fr. Rowan Lopez Rubistillo, a priest from the diocese of Sorsogon Philippines and a renowned speaker in Europe and in the United States.

The mass started at around 9 in the morning, and was assisted by the school students and teachers. The God-gifted voices of PSG joined together to serve as the mass' chorus. The faculty, staff, together with the students, have warmly welcomed the Holy Spirit throughout the whole school. Everyone faithfully cooperated with no restrictions.

It is one of the characteristics of Filipinos to be religious. PSG is a school that aims to encourage and enhance the faith of each pupil and student through various practices. Despite the diversity within the school premises, PSG promotes respect and love for each difference; in race, religion and beliefs.

Since the 16th century, schools, universities, and colleges would mark the beginning of the academic year by invoking the presence, guidance, and inspiration of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity - the Holy Spirit. Celebrating the mass in our school is a way of strengthening everyone's faith and the viewpoint of the blessings God has given us.

By: Michelle Kyle Balba

The Student Government Organization Election, Different This Time.



Pupils and students cast their votes during the SGO elections

Photo by: Mahra Talavera

The PSG's main student centered organization, the Student Government Organization or SGO has gone through some changes to be what it is today. From having a different student body for the elementary and high school department to having one student body for everyone. From being called the PBO and SBO to SSG and now SGO.

This school year, another modification was made in its elections. Unlike before the election this year was earlier and only certain positions were open for candidacy. These positions were the Vice President, Auditor, three Health Officers, three Marshalls, Muse, Escort, and representatives from Grades 1 to 7. Also this year, anyone was given an opportunity to join.

The Miting de Avance was also different from the previous years wherein the candidates were separated into groups and not by parties.

The winners were announced right after the

election which was held on September 21, 2018, completing the SGO for the school year 2018-2019.

The following students are this school year's officers of the Student Government Organization:

- President: **Anthony Kier Carbonel**
- Vice President: **Michelle Kyle Balba**
- Secretary: **Jonathan Cacatian**
- Undersecretary: **Kacey Louise Arada**
- Assistant Secretary: **Lemuel Hernandez**
- Treasurer: **Maria Filothei Olivas**
- Auditor: **Nico Samuel M. Magsino**
- P.I.O: **Loren Mariel Galarse**
- Business Manager: **Ben Louie Rodriguez**
- Marshalls: **Ivan Dominique Manalang**
Willmyr Matthew Dela Cruz
Lemmuel Cacatian
Criz Jan Kevin Mendoza
- Health Officers: **Lara Mae Larawan**
Aubrey Hortizuela
Ivy Madelle Toquero
- Escort: **John Orville Garcia**

- Muse: **Ivy Blaise Palope**
- Grade 1 Representative: **Isabelle Toquero**
- Grade 2 Representative: **Angel Kendria Panganiban**
- Grade 3 Representative: **Jolo Endozo**
- Grade 4 Representative: **Precious-Phoebe Toquero**
- Grade 5 Representative: **Cristetha Mae Avila**
- Grade 6 Representative: **Krisana Mae Vicena**
- Grade 7 Representative: **Ma. Chrissa Devanadera**
- Grade 8 Representative: **Alexandra Casabuena**
- Grade 12 Representative: **Edgar David Barairo**

The SGO is the school's helping hand in conducting and administering some of its activities. As of now, the SGO has helped organize special events in our school. These student leaders have come to know that their position does not mean power or class but they aim to join hand in hand with the faculty staff and management for the betterment of the school.

By: Demie Ellaine Gomez

A Diverse PSG

In commemoration to the United Nations Day, the PSGians paraded with colorful costumes, representing different countries by each level. All representatives were in character all throughout the celebration in which they have introduced themselves in various languages. Aside from the parade, PSG also held a beauty pageant wherein each representative had to show their best performance whilst presenting the country they portray. Participants from

Elementary up until the Senior High School Department displayed different talents from singing, dancing, painting, and spoken poetry. The winners of the said pageant were the representatives of Thailand from Grade 11, wherein both participants presented spoken poeries with different themes.

We celebrate the U.N. Day in order reminds us about accepting our fellowmen despite our

differences in race, culture and uniqueness. All students did their best by putting in the effort of discovering, learning and respecting other cultures and showing that unity is possible. Overall, they displayed harmony for the said event was a success.

By: Hermiline Athina Bravo



Representatives of different countries during the UN Day *Photo by: Mahra Talavera*

Buhay ni Andres Bonifacio, Tampok sa Pagunita ng Libraries and Information Services Month sa Embahada



Nakibahagi ang mga mag-aaral sa ikalawa at ikatlong baitang ng PSG sa pagdaos ng Araw ni Bonifacio at Libraries and Information Services sa Embahada ng Pilipinas Noong ika-30 ng Nobyembre, 2018. Isa sa mga paraan upang ipagdiwang ang mga ito ay ang isinagawang "Book Reading" o ang pagbasa ng maybahay ng Ambassador-designate Frank Cimafranca na si Ginang Lucila Cimafranca ng isang aklat tungkol sa buhay ni Andres Bonifacio.

lamang bilang Ama ng Himagsikan at magiting na bayani, kundi bilang isa ring mapagmahal na anak at kapatid. Kasunod nito ang isang maikling palabas patungkol sa buhay ni Bonifacio.

Sinabi naman ni Ambassador-designate Cimafranca sa kanyang mensahe na ang isang paraan upang upang maging maalam ang isang bata ay ang pagbabasa ang aklat.

Nagtapos ang pagtatalakay sa pamamahagi ng mga reading kit sa mga batang dumalo at sa isang munting salo-salo. Ang mga magaaral ay taos pusong nagpapasalamat sapagkat mas nadagdagan pa ang kanilang kaalaman tungkol sa kasaysayan ni Andres Bonifacio sa tulong ng paaralan at ng embahada.

Ni: Kyron Owen Quisoa



Larawan mula: Philippine Embassy in Greece/ Facebook

APSO CONVENTION SA GRESYA: HATID AY SAYA AT KAALAMAN PARA SA MGA GURO AT TAGAPAMAHALA

"A happy brain is a learning brain." – Dr. Marylendra Penetrante



Mga bago at makabagong pamamaraan sa pagtuturo ang ibinahagi sa mga guro at tagapamahala ng iba't-ibang Philippine schools overseas saginang na Association of Philippine Schools Overseas o APSO convention sa Gresya. Ang Philippine School in Greece ang nagsilbing host sa naturang kumbensyon. Pinasaya ng mga kawili-wiling gawaing maaring gamitin sa pagtuturo ang nasabing pagtitipon.

Dumayo pa sa Athens ang iba't-ibang Philippine schools mula sa Middle East at Europa partikular sa Qatar, Saudi Arabia at Italya.

Ibinahagi naman ng mga resource speakers na sina Dr. Marylendra Penetrante, Dr. Imee Acosta, Dr. Don John Ballesteros, Dr. Wama Jorbina at Dr. Alexander Acosta ang mga kapaki-pakinabang na kaalamang makatutulong sa mga guro at pagapamahala upang mas lalong mapaunlad ang kalidad ng pagtuturo sa mga Philippine schools overseas. Kabilang dito ang Therapeutic Teaching, Emotional Intelligence, Highlighting Press Conference, Differentiated Instructions at Reflective Leadership. Itinuro rin ang high-tech na paraan upang mapagaan ang gawain ng guro gaya

ng pagcheck ng papel at pagbibigay ng mga pagsusulit. Kaya naman ang mga guro, walang pagsidlan sa tuwa sa mga bagong kaalamang kanilang natutunan at agad na isinagawa ang mga ito sa kani-kanilang klase.

Naniniwala naman si Gng. Gracia Celia Nickel, punongguro ng Philippine School in Greece, na ang lahat ng ito ay para sa kapakinabangan ng mga guro ng mga Philippine schools overseas.

"And I know that this will really empower the school leaders, administrators, principals and of course the teachers as beneficiaries of this collaborative efforts of everybody and I do hope that all the teachers can really apply what we have learned from this conference." Dagdag pa niya.

Ang ganitong pagtitipon ay taunang isinasagawa ng APSO upang lalong mapaunlad ang kalidad ng edukasyon sa mga paaralang Pinoy sa ibang bansa. Naniniwala ang APSO na kailangang handa ang mga guro na humarap sa mga kabataan ngayon na tinatawag na Alpha generation.

Taos-puso naman ang pasasalamat ng pangulo ng APSO na si Dr. Alexander

Acosta sa buong pamunuan ng PSG sa naging tagumpay ng ikalimang APSO Convention.

"We make this as an avenue for providing trainings to our teachers and for keeping us abreast with the development of the latest trend on pedagogies and teaching, leadership style, sharing experiences.", wika pa ni G. Acosta.

Sa mensahe naman ni Consul General Rosario P. Lemque, sinabi niyang importante na malaman ng mga kabataan ngayon ang kulturang kanilang pinagmulan.

"Let us not lose sight of the things that we have to emphasize. We have to teach our youth the best of what and who we are." Dagdag pa niya.

Nakasunod ang mga Philippine schools overseas sa Philippine curriculum na K-12 ng Department of Education. Layon nito na ituro sa mga kabataang Pinoy sa ibang bansa ang sarili nating kultura at ihanda sila sakaling sila'y umuwi na sa bansa. Umaasa naman ang APSO na ang susunod na kumbensiyon ay magaganap sa Italya.

Ni: Wilhelmina M. Buado



Pinalawig ng mga guro ang kanilang kaalaman at kakayahan sa APSO Convention. Larawan ni: W. Buado

Teachers Empowered by REX with a Seminar Workshop

The Rex Publishing Company conducted a seminar in Development of Teaching Strategies to the teachers of the Philippine School in Greece on October 2018. The goals of the said seminar were to enhance the skills and strategies of teachers in teaching a diverse educational environment, and to develop an open and positive atmosphere within the faculty and staff.

Activities such as 'getting to know each other' and 'demo teaching of traditional and modernized strategies' were done in order to highlight the

differences of each style, and how they reflect inside a learning environment.

Mr. Mico Subaso, Consultant on Educational Policy in UNESCO, filled the seminar with insights on how the new K-to-12 Curriculum has affected the lives of students, especially in the Philippines. Due to this change, seminars had to be conducted to educators in order to absorb and apply new techniques to provide quality education to the learners of today.

The Philippines is one of the last countries that have implemented this curriculum, hence, adding two additional years in high school. Not only students were affected, but

teachers who also needed to adjust to the newly applied educational system that will be established in the institution.

Mr. Subaso also shared ideas on how to keep 21st century learners engaged in a diverse classroom. The seminar has pointed out what could be done in order for students to develop their skills and gain knowledge, which would be of help to them in their future. Nevertheless, it is also a benefit for teachers to flourish their roles as educators and parents to the children. If we have 21st century learners, we should be 21st century educators.

By: Hermiline Athina Bravo



PSGians' Momentous Day Trip to the Ranch



PSGians' embarked on an annual expedition in a beautiful countryside area in Sofiko, village of Corinth. The students were given a chance to relish a day out of school grounds on the 23rd of November 2018.

The Ranch is a two-hour drive from Athens. When everyone got to the destination at around 11 o'clock in the morning, everyone started to roam around and enjoy the place.

The Ranch has excellent sport facilities in a Western-themed accommodation. The place provided a train to have a quick tour of the village, and to interact with the adorable and friendly animals. After the tour, everyone wandered the village and enjoyed a variety of sports and leisure activities. Some students would be seen shooting with a bow and arrow, practicing their skills in archery, some experiencing joyous horse-back riding and

showcasing their skills in basketball, volleyball, and football.

The camp let us engage in different recreational activities, taught us how to become nature-friendly, and most especially, how to find joy in a village life. It offers a good tour of nature and an ideal environment for relaxation, physical activity, and pleasure to people of different ages.

Everyone left the place with a sense of delight, although the time was limited. It was tiring, but what truly mattered was that the students had a wonderful time and a chance to build a bond with their classmates and teachers. The journey was indeed a success for it did not just help the students connect with their family and classmates, but provided them real-world experiences.

By: Bana Tolentino

NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES



It is remarkable to witness how students all around the world respect and appreciate their hardworking educators. Throughout a student's life teachers are known to be second parents, individuals that can guide and give comfort whenever, wherever. They are not only there to teach, but mostly listen. It might not be clearly heard or seen but students should always keep in mind that teaching isn't an easy profession. Pupils should be grateful to know that individuals as such, sacrifice their time and energy to broaden the student's knowledge and to help the pupils reflect on their moral values.

This is why it has become a tradition in the Philippine School in Greece to celebrate the annual "International Teachers Day"! A day where students can remind their teachers the reasons of why they wanted to teach in the first place. It is an event where

students can show how grateful they are for the sacrifices each and every teacher has emotionally and physically dealt with in order to see their students succeeding in the future.

On the 12th of October of the year 2018, the Philippine School in Greece celebrated this special event with theme of "Superheroes". As was done through the previous years the students prepared creative and diverting decorations with a delightful program that pleased both students and teachers. The program started off with a prayer that soon lead to speeches and a video of the students who relayed their best wishes for their most loving teachers. Along with the program, each class regarding their grade was called up on the stage with their advisor to perform another tradition which is likely to be called "gift-giving". This is

where students express their love towards their teachers through gifts that were bought or handmade. To uplift the mood there was a round of games and of course it wouldn't be a Filipino celebration without the traditional karaoke! Their happiness showed that the program was a success. Students rounded up as they witnessed their teachers laughing and enjoying their special day, it was a sight for sore eyes.

To distinguish such happiness achieved by a simple gesture was astonishing to see. It shows that teachers are one of the humblest people in a society like ours. Although they struggle, they always find a way to inspire and motivate their students. That is why in a world like ours, it is always important to acknowledge that not all heroes wear capes.

By: Lara Mae Larawan



The Pearl of the Orient in a Nutshell: Youth Leaders in the Diaspora

the essence of Social Entrepreneurship and what it entails.

The key subject that was introduced and expounded by our guide Kuya JP a graduate from the Gawad Kalinga Community University was Social Entrepreneurship. According to him, Social Entrepreneurship is about building a business for a social cause. From all the very important and informative aspects about the said topic he covered, we learned that Social Entrepreneurship isn't only about the profit you make from the product you produce and endorse.

It is also about addressing the communities needs by producing sustainable products that are environmental-friendly and locally made.

The delegates met different advocates of Social Entrepreneurship and listened to their inspiring stories of how they transformed their lives through the help of the Gawad Kalinga Organization.

The Gawad Kalinga Enchanted farm should definitely be known to more people because it serves as a model to other communities to encourage sustainability and productive-living amongst them.

AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE AETAS OF ZAMBALES.

On the second day of the immersion, we headed to Zambales, home to sandy beaches and surf-perfect waves. We were accommodated by the Circle Hostel which is the hotspot for tourists and locals who visit Zambales. Although it is stripped down to its bare minimums with no air-conditioning, three-level bunk beds and no privacy whatsoever, it is definitely the perfect place to take a break from the weary and loud city.

The delegates embarked on a challenging hike led by Miss Sophie form MAD TRAVEL from San Felipe, Zambales to the Village of Yangil home of the Aetas. Imagine walking barefoot under the scorching sun and crossing rivers almost at torso-level just to get to school or to purchase your salient needs such as food and hygiene products. This might seem hard to believe but this is the current situation of the Aeta people. Although it sounds sad, no trace of loneliness was visible when the Aeta locals welcomed us with warm smiles, hot lemongrass tea and Ube Crisps.

We always hear the words: "Education is the Golden Key to Success" and that it is a vital tool that we need to survive in this competitive world but in the case of the Aetas, education isn't a bus ride away.

Yes, they do have a space wherein they call their school but in everyone's disappointment the teaching force that the Department of Education promised never arrived. Upon hearing this story, we realized how truly fortunate we are to have access to education and that we should never take it for granted. This galvanized the delegates to study harder and as we say in Filipino: Magsunog ng Kilay.

We Filipinos are known for our exceptional hospitality but I believe that it became more evident in our memorable visit in Zambales.

THROWING IT BACK TO THE 16TH CENTURY AT INTRAMUROS.

Intramuros! The stunning cultural heritage we have only seen in our history books is the last in the YouLead Itinerary. As we ride our bamboo bikes known as bambike and cruise through the astonishing scenery, we couldn't help but admire the ruins of one of the most visited tourist spots in Luzon.

The scenarios of the Spanish Occupation played in our heads as our tour-guide went in detail of the history of Intramuros. Our guided tour lasted for about 2 hours which covered the historical sites of Fort Santiago and Puerta del Parian. The delegates all enjoyed the fun trivia's the tour-guide gave that we never learned in our History classes. Who knew Dr. Jose Rizal was that short? Ha!

They say that words are our most inexhaustible use of magic. As a writer, it has been my utmost pleasure to share with you this wonderful journey myself and 3 other delegates from the Philippine School in Greece have embarked on through this feature story.

The YouLead experience also gave us the strength to combat those who question our nationality and the opportunity to help those under-privileged which was very heart-warming.

We thought that the YouLead experience would only be limited to lectures given by different people but it wasn't the case at all. This immersion exceeded everyone's expectations. It didn't only give us wonderful memories that we could reminisce in the future and pass on to our schoolmates but it also taught us the true essences of the Filipino values that we could definitely use wherever we may be around the world.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the Faculty of the Philippine School in Greece for helping us not only financially but also for aiding us in our preparation of our participation in this immersion.

By: Anthony Kier Carbonel



Delegates of the Youlead Immersion.

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Οι Φιλιππινέζοι Μαθητές Γιορτάζουν την 28η Οκτωβρίου

Το Σχολείο των Φιλιππινών στην Ελλάδα είναι ένα ιδιωτικό σχολείο για την Φιλιππινέζικη κοινότητα που βρίσκεται στον Καρέα, στον Βύρωνα. Το σχολείο αυτό λοιπόν, έχει μοιραστεί διαφορετικές παράδοσεις με τους Έλληνες. Για εμάς τους φιλιππινέζους, η Ελλάδα έχει γίνει η δεύτερη μας χώρα. Φέτος (2018) το σχολείο μας γιόρτασε την εθνική επέτειο της 28ης Οκτωβρίου με διασκεδαστικές δραστηριότητες που τα παιδιά αγαπούν και τους αρέσει να συμμετέχουν.

Το πρόγραμμα ξεκίνησε με προσευχή, με τον Εθνικό Ύμνο των Φιλιππινών και της Ελλάδας και

στη συνέχεια η υπεύθυνη καθηγήτρια της Γ' Λυκείου κα Μαριολ Αγαλός. Μετά ξεκινήσαμε να παρουσιάσουμε όλες τις δραστηριότητες από την Α' Δημοτικό - Γ' Λυκείου. Η Πρώτη και η Δεύτερα τάξη, παρουσίασαν ένα χορευτικό με το ελληνικό τραγούδι << Αχινός >>. Ήταν εκπληκτικοί και "γλυκούλια αχινάκια"! Εγώ πιστεύω ότι οι μαθητές του σχολείου αυτού είναι πολύ ταλαντούχοι, έξυπνοι και απολαμβάνουν όλες τις δραστηριότητες. Όπως το παιχνίδι λέξεων <<Μάθε παιδί μου γράμματα >> με τους μαθητές της Β' Δημοτικού στο οποίο νίκησε η ομάδα της Saturnino, Larreine μαζί με τον Casalme, Renz.

Η Γ' τάξη, έπαιξε ζωγραφομαχίες

<<Μια εικόνα εικόνες λέξεις>>. Η ομάδα του Fadl, Waleid πήρε τη νίκη σ' αυτό το παιχνίδι. Η ομάδα της Manual, Andrea Janine (Ε' και ΣΤ' Δημοτικού) νίκησε στην παντομίμα-ζωγραφομαχίες << Πες το όπως μπορείς! >>.

Οι μαθητές του Γυμνασίου και του Λυκείου έκαναν επίσης διάφορες δραστηριότητες. Χωρίστηκαν σε ομάδες για τις δραστηριότητες. Διαγωνισμός Κουκλο θέατρου με τίτλο << Μια Φοράκιέναν καιρό... >>. Η ομάδα της Όμπερι Χορτζιουέλα νίκησαν, που έδειξαν τις φανταστικές μαριονέτες της Κόκκινη σκουφίτσα. Στον Τραγουδιστικό- Χορευτικό Διαγωνισμό με τον τίτλο << Σήκω χόρεψε παιδί μου >>, έκανε μια μεγάλη εντύπωση η ομάδα του Αντώνη Καρμπονέλ.

Η ομάδα του πήρε τη μεγάλη νίκη. Μετά, στο τέλος, παίξαμε κουίζ γνώσεων με τίτλο << Αγαπά στην Ελλάδα; Απάντησε! >>. Εδώ, η ομάδα της Ιβι Παλόπε, απόκτησε την νίκη.

Με αυτούς τους τρόπους, το Σχολείο των Φιλιππινών στην Ελλάδα γιόρτασε την εθνική

επέτειο της 28ης Οκτωβρίου. Είναι ωραίο να ξέρουν και να γιορτάζουν οι Φιλιππινέζοι τις γιορτές των άλλων χωρών όπως της Ελλάδας. Είναι ένας τρόπος να ενωθούν τα έθνη και να καταπολεμήσουν τον ρατσισμό.

Από: Ivy Blaise Palope



Activities and Games at the school ground during the Greek Day.

Photos by: Mahra Talavera

PSG FAMILY: *Getting Bigger and Better*

**As PSG Soars high and is looking forward to a bigger and brighter future:
New members of the faculty and staff continue to join our family.**

Let us meet the new PSG members!



MR. MANFRED NICKEL
I am Sir Manfred,
and I am the head,
With me as the leader,
the school will get better.



MRS. GRACIA CELIA G. NICKEL
I am Mrs. Grace,
the school principal,
I can be your teacher,
and I can be your pal.



MS. MARY ANN SAVERON
They call me Ms. Me-an;
I am always smiling.
I am very jolly, beautiful
and loving.



MRS. JINKY MENDOZA
I am Mrs. Jinky,
and I am very lucky,
To teach in a school
that is so lovely.



MR. CHARLIE CORPUZ
I am Mr. Charlie,
and I might look like I take
things seriously,
but inreality,
I do my work cheerfully.



MS. HERMILINE ATHINA BRAVO
I am Ms. Athina,
and I am very sweet,
within my classes,
smiles are complete.



MS. JASMIN IMPERIAL
I am Ms. Jasmin,
and I might seem quiet,
but you can bet,
my classses are ones that you'll
never forget.

Bagzak na Katawan o Bagzak na Marka?

ni Rochelle Bana Tolentino
Napapagod ka na bang mag-aral? Kung oo, paano naman ang nagpaparaal? Minsan na bang sumagi sa isip mo na sumuko sapagkat sobra-sobra ang mga gawain at proyekto? Bawat araw tambak na takdang-aralin, papel at aklat ang sumasalubong sa iyo. Datapwat napagtanto mo na ba may mga taong hindi nabibigyan ng pagkakataong makapag-aral? Mga katoto, ito lang ang maibabatiid ko sa inyo, sa likod ng walang patid na balakid, sakripisyo at pagpapagal na ito ay matiwasay at magandang kinabukasan ang nakapabang sa atin.

Ang pagkakaroon ng kaalaman ay masasabi kong isang kayamanan. Oo, mahirap maging mahirap ngunit mas mahirap ang maging mangmang at walang alam. Bigyan natin ng

pansin ang mga kapos-palad na kung hindi mapanganib na ilog, ay masukal at peligrosong gubat ang tinatawiran makarating lang sa kanilang paaralan. At ang masaklap pa rito ay ang katotohanang mayroong pansin ang mga kapos-palad na kung hindi mapanganib na ilog, ay masukal at peligrosong gubat ang tinatawiran makarating lang sa kanilang paaralan. At ang masaklap pa rito ay ang katotohanang mayroong mga musmos na batang nagpakalat-kalat sa kalsada sa halip na pumasok sa paaralan at matutong bumasa, sumulat at umukit ng kani-kanilang kapalaran. Ang pagkakaroon ng salat na kaalaman ay nagsisilbing balakid upang hindi natin makamit ang ating mga layunin sa buhay. Samantalang ang taong may pinag-aralan ay mistulang isang halaman na

kung saan man itanim ay tiyak na mabubuhay at magbubunga. Saaking palagay, ang edukasyon ang natulay sa pagkakaroon ng matagumpay na kinabukasan.

Makapagtapos lang tayo ngpag-aaral at makaani ng mataas na marka ay tunay na isang kayamanan na kailanma'y hindi matutumbasa ng anumang salapi at tiyak na maipagmamalaki ng ating mga magulang. Mga katoto, inaasahan ko na magiging buo ang inyong kalooban na harapin lahat ng balakid at hirap na ating matatamasa. Lagi ninyong tandaan na ang pagkakaroon ng kaalaman sa pagbasa at pagsulat ay hindi sapat na pamantayan upang masabing ikaw ay edukado. Ang pagiging edukado ay nangangahulugan na ikaw ay dapat na maging isang ehemplo na magsisilbing ugat ng kaunlaran. Tayo ang tinaguriang pag-asa ng bayan kung kaya't lagi nating tandaan na isang maginhawang bahag-hari ang ating tiyak na matatamasa sa oras ng paghinto ng walang tigil na pag-ulan ng kahirapan at balakid na dulot ng pag-aaral.

Literary Works

Ika-21 na Siglo

Ni: Ivy Toquero

Makabagong panahon, iba't ibang klase ng imprastrakturang, ugali ng mga tao, kapaligiran, at iba pa. Maswerte ang tawag sa mga taong namulat sa ika-21 siglo kung saan hindi na nila kailangan pang maglakad at pagpawisan sa ilalim ng sikat ng haring araw, ang magandang oportunidad na hatid ng mga makabagong kagamitan sa pag-aaral at ang mabilis na hatak ng teknolohiya sa ating makabagong panahon ay nagsisilbing pundasyon para sa susunod na henerasyon. Para sa karamihan ang pag-unlad ng ating ekonomiya ay mabisang pangyayari at masasabi ang produktibong hatid nito sa ating lahat. Ang mas malawak at mas malalim na ibig sabihin ng ika-21 siglo ay nagbibigay daan sa mas makabuluhang realidad.

Ang makabagong pamamaraan ng pamumuhay ng mga tao ay dala ng mas maunlad na teknolohiya, subalit ito ay may pawing nakabubuti at nakasasama, ang ating buhay ay umiikot na lamang sa pagdedepende natin sa mga imbensyon ng mga tao. Sa ibang dako ang ika-21 siglo ay kung saan ang pagkawala ng iyong telepono ay mas masahol kaysa sa pagkawala ng iyong mga halaga. Lalong-lalo na ang mga kabataan na nalulong sa droga at kumakapit sa patalim.

Ang ika-21 siglo kung tutusin ay makabago subalit hindi perpekto. Kung saan ang mga lalaki ay nagtatakwil sa mga kababaihan na may mga ngiti, at kung ang mga babae ay hindi gumagawa ng pareho o mas masahol pa. Ang hatid ng makabagong teknolohiya ay dapat pag-angat ng lahat subalit sa pag-ahon ng lahat ay siyang ang mga kabataan ang nagbabayad. Ang ika-21 siglo ay isang panahon kung saan ang paglago ng kaalaman at pamumuhay ng mga tao lalong-lalo na ang teknolohiya ay nagpapabago sa sangkatauhan. Kapag ang mga damit ay nagpapasya sa halaga ng isang tao, at ang pagkakaroon ng pera ay mas mahalaga kaysa sa pagkakaroon ng mga kaibigan o kahit pamilya.

Ika-21 siglo, kung saan ang mga bata ay maaaring magbigay ng kanilang mga magulang para sakmiling virtual na pag-ibig. Kung saan gusto ng mga kalalakihan at kababaihan ang mga relasyon na walang obligasyon. Kung saan ang pag-ibig ay isang bagay na lamang. Ang ika-21 siglo na pagbabago ang hatid subalit saaking nakikita ay mas nagiging tamaad at makasarili ang mga tao, ang ika-21 siglo dapat ay ginagamit ng may kritikal na pag-iisip sapagkat ang hatid ng isang hakbang ay mas malawak pa ang kapalit.

Laging isa-isip ang mas nakabubuti at pahalagahan ang hatid nitong pagunlad at imulat ang ating mga mata sa totoong realidad at larong buhay. Sa ika-21 siglo kaakibat ng teknolohiya ang pagbabago at pagunlad na hatid para sa lahat ay ating pahalagahan at pagyamanin para sa susunod na henerasyon. Sa kabuuan ang ika-21 siglo ay ang sagot sa lahat ng hirap ng buhay na mayroon tayo noon ang magbibigay satin ng pangmadaliang trabaho at ang pagbuo ng mas matiwasay at mas buong saligan ng ating ekonomiya. Gawing inspirasyon ang ika-21 siglo para sa pagbabago at pagkakaroon natin ng magandang kinabukasan dahil sa hatid nitong kaunlaran. Huwag nating abusuhin at ating pagyamanin ang naibahagi na magandang simula ng ika-21 siglo. Ang pagkakaroon ng pulidong ekonomiya ay nasa ating sariling pagsusumikap. Dahil sa isipang estado ng ika-21 siglo.

Diskriminasyon? Laganap sa ating Henerasyon!

Ni: Jade Matthew Durana

Bakit? Bakit nga ba mayroong diskriminasyon sa ating mundong kinagisanan? Nakikita mo ba ito? Nakalulungkot, nakagagalit, at nakakainis isipin di ba? Akala ko pantay-pantay tayong lahat. Ako, ikaw, at tayong lahat. Kailan pa kaya mahahanap ang solusyon para sa diskriminasyon? Ngayon ba o kapag huuli na ang lahat? Diskriminasyon, isang problema sa mundo na pinapabayaang lamang. Nakaranas na ba kayo ng diskriminasyon, lalo na't tayo'y mga dayuhan sa isang bansang mataas ang pagdidiskriminasyon? Napansin mo ba ang kanilang pagtingin sa atin? Iba. Iba tayo sa kanilang mga paningin. Di ba't kapansin-pansin na parang ang baba ng tingin nila sa atin. Bakit nga ba may agwat sa isang mahirap at sa isang mayaman, sa maputi at sa maitim, at sa isang katoliko at isang muslim? Hindi ba't inilikha tayo ng Maykapal na may utak, puso at kung inyong iisipin pare-parehas tayo ng kulay ng dugong dumadaloy sa mga katawan natin. Ilang taon na rin ang nakaraan, ang diskriminasyon ay hindi matanggal-tanggal. Pagbabago? Gusto niyo bang pagbabago? Pagmamahal ang solusyon sa isang problema na parang polusyon sa buhay natin. Kalimutan na natin ang mga masasamang kaisipan at gawain ng nakaraan, sapagkat tayo'y nasa bagong henerasyon kung saan tanggap ang lahat ng iba't-ibang klase ng tao sa lipunan ngayon. Di ba't sabi nga nila ang buhay natin sa mundong ito ay maikfi lamang. Bakit mo pa sasayangin ang iyong oras sa pagmamaliit at paghuhusga ng iba. Magpakasaya ka na lamang habang buhay ka pa. Magpasalamat ka na ika'y nabubuhay pa sapagkat alam mo ba na maraming nawawalan ng buhay sa isang problemang walang sagsay. Kaya't ako'y nasa inyong harapan, nanghihiikayat na magtulongan ang lahat, habang hindi pa huuli ang lahat. Mga kapwa kong kabataan, kailangan na nating kumilos sapagkat tayo ang pag-asa ng bayan.

Literary

Depression

By: Miko Rico

Help, I'm dying inside,
Thinking of suicide,
I'm living a miserable life
And I want to end it with a knife.

You should talk about it fast,
To people who you trust,
You can book a therapy session
To talk about your depression.

Now I am feeling very healthy
Always feeling happy
Trying not to be sad,
By the guidance of our God.

Kabataan, Tayo Na!

Ni: Anthony Kier Carbonel

Madaling mangarap ngunit mahirap tuparin. Para saan, para kanino ka ba nangangarap? Isang talumpati ang inihahandog ko sa inyo akong mga katotong pag-asa raw ng bayan o tumatanda nga ba tayo ng paorong? Lahat tayo'y nangangarap, ang iba'y abot pa nga sa alapaap ngunit ilan lang sa atin ang nagsusumikap.

Ang buhay dito sa mundong ating kinagagalawan ay maaari nating maihalintulad sa digmaan. Ang kalaban ay ang mga pagsubok at ang sandata natin ay ang ating mga pangarap. Ngunit, paano kung naubos na ang ating mga sandata? Ano na ang ating magsisilbing bala at inspirasyon upang maisakatuparan ang mithiin nating bumangon at lagpasan ang unos na bumabalisa sa atin. Ano nga ba ang pumipigil sa atin na abutin ang ating mga pangarap na mala tala ang layo at tila araw ang laki. Pera nga ba o ang sarili? Oo. Alam ko na mahirap maging mahirap ngunit napagtantuan ko na mas mahirap kapag ika'y isang batugan. Batugang walang ibang bukambibig kundi mamaya na o saka na! Batugang puro reklamo at pagdadahilan.

Sa likod ng lahat ng ito, huwag nating sukuan ang ating mga pangarap sapagkat katumbas ito ng mga taong walang patutunguhan. Laging tatandaan na ang problema ay laging nariyan. Hindi mawawala, hindi mababawasan. Subalit, hindi ang mundo ang magdidikta sa iyo kung ipagpapatuloy mo ang iyong paglalakbay o hindi. Kaya nga hindi ako naniniwala sa konsepto ng taadhana sapagkat naniniwala ako na nasa iyo kung gusto mong paunlarin at baguhin ang buhay mo. Mga kapwa kong mag-aaral, mga katoto kong pag-asa ng bayan, magsipag tayo, patuloy na mangarap at higat sa lahat ay magkaroon tayo ng kumpiyansa sa ating sarili sapagkat sa atin nakasalalay ang kinabukasan. Batugang puro reklamo at pagdadahilan.

Sinisinta Kong Katoto

Ni: Kirsten Mae Arada

Ang pag-ibig sa isang katoto,
Ay isang mahirap na adhiikain,
Ako'y nabagabag pagdating sa araw ng pag-amin
Baka ang pagkakaitigan ay biglaang lumisan,
Anaki isang bula na hindi ko na maapuhap.

Ang pag-ibig sa isang katoto
Ay isang mahirap na adhiikain
Sa tingin ko ay kailangan ko ng magpaalam
Sa akong awanggang pag-ibig sa iyo
Sapagkat kailangan kong tanggapin
Na tayo'y mananatiling magkatoto lamang.

Ang pag-ibig sa isang katoto,
Ay isang mahirap na adhiikain
Sa akong buhay, siya ang tanging panalangin.
Di niya mabanaag na ako ay may pagtingin,
Datapwat ako ay nagbabantulot na sabihin
Sapagkat baka ako ay hindi niya piliin.

Ang Pag-ibig

Ni: Andrea Jenine M. Manual

Ang Pag-ibig ay dakila at tapat,
Dahil ito ay para sa lahat.
Lalo kung ang atensyon ay sapat,
Tayong lahat ay krapat-dapat.

Lahat tayo ay masaya,
Dahil mayroon tayong pag-ibig sa isa't isa,
Para sa ating kaibigan, lalo na para sa
ating pamilya,
At sa diyos na lumilikha.

Pangarap na wagas,
Na lahat maging maayos,
Makatuwiran at may likas
Na pagmamalasa sa lahat ng
bukas.

Works

Πατριδα Μου, Μου Λειπεις

Ivy Palope

Μερα, τη μέρα τριγυρίζω,
Σκέφτομαι αν θα ζαυογυρίσω
Πατριδα μου χαμενη
Αγκάλια που με περιμένει.

Μετανάστης είμαι, το ίδιο κι' εσυ,
Αυοζητώντος στέγη,
Φύγομε κ' τωρα πάμε εδω κι εκει,
Να χτίσομε οπίτι, οικογένεια, μια νέα αρχή
Να ζήσομε σε μια καλύτερη εποχή.

Οι πεταλούδες τα φτερά τους τινάζουν
Οι άνθρωποι πιο χαπούρενα μοιάζουν
Ολοι περνούν καλα τώρα,
Άλλοι και πάλι, άλλο είναι να'σαι σ'άλλη χώρα.



My Big Brother

By: Kyron Luisao

It's great to have a big brother,
A fantastic gift that's like no other,
Most people have brothers like me and you,
I love my brother and you should too.

My brother and I play all the time,
He brightens my day just like the sunshine,
He also makes me laugh every day,
The time we slay...when we play, play, play.

There's just one sad thing,
We'll soon sadly separate,
I'll make sure we get to sing and dance,
Before he leaves, we'll celebrate.

Our school

By: Johanna Marie B. Ilagan

Our school is very beautiful,
Because everyone is cool,
Our teacher teaches us to be responsible,
And teaches us things that are possible.

I love my school,
Because the teacher helps us reach our goal,
As a student, I follow the rules and
regulations of my school,
To have a good future, and that is for sure.

Whisper of love

By: Colline Celi

Love is like the sun
That gives smile and happiness
Into our faces

When I look at you
During the day that we met
I can't stop smiling

Love can be joyful
Thou heaven sent me blessing
O my gracious boy

My precious thee heart
Longs for my greatest desire
Forever always



ENTERTAINMENT

WORD SEARCH

School Word Search Puzzle

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A-MAZE-ING



GO!