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M E S S A G E

We extend our best wishes to the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) for taking the lead in holding the 12th Philippine Schools Overseas Conference, a strategic activity to revisit the roadmap for Filipino-operated schools in many parts of the world.

With the advent of information and communication technology, the world has become one global village. And this world we share is made closer and made more familiar by the presence of Filipinos in every nook and cranny of this planet.

Where there is a congregation of Filipinos, there will be schools to cater to the needs of our young. It is, therefore, very important that the educational content designed for the Filipino learners respond to their need as citizens of our beloved Philippines as well as their being citizens of the world.

Through the years, the Filipino diaspora has dramatically changed. Compared to many years back, Filipinos overseas are now treated with more trust and respect. We believe that this will continue to be the trend because we have better educated compatriots being deployed abroad. And we have better educated host-employers who treat our “kababayan” with more compassion and sense of importance because of the key role they play in their hosts’ lives.

In many, if not all aspects of our lives, education is always pivotal in changing lives for the better.

Congratulations to the CFO for spearheading this very timely event.


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