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**Graduation Message
Public Elementary Schools
Division of Antipolo City
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**Theme : *Kabataang Mula sa K to 12 Tagapagdala ng Kaunlaran sa
Bansang Pilipinas***

Today, while the Philippines is being hailed as one of Asia's fastest growing economies, our state of education continues to lag behind and is hindering the country's goal of inclusive growth. The reason is that our present educational system lacks the necessary emphasis on developing the cognitive, problem-solving and communication skills of our students, and the lack of sufficient stress on enhancing their leadership, teamwork and entrepreneurial values.

To address the problem, the government has launched curricular and education cycle reforms instituted through the '*Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013 (RA 10533)*', or the '*K to 12 Program*', which mandates the government to create a functional basic education system that will develop productive and responsible citizens equipped with the essential competencies, skills and values for both life-long learning and employment.

While the implementation of the program has raised doubts among parents, academic personnel, public officials, civic organizations, and even students themselves, on the capability of the government to provide the necessary infrastructural and manpower requirements of the program, government has remained steadfast in realizing the goals of the program towards building a prosperous future for the country. In the National Budget for 2016, among government agencies, the Department of Education (DepEd) received the largest budget at almost P437 billion. The budget increase of 28 percent is precisely intended to support the implementation of the 'senior high school curriculum' under the K to 12 program which begins next school year.

You, our young graduates of this school year have the privilege of undergoing the pioneering phase of the program. Yours is the opportunity to enhance your competitiveness in the global community and to advance your

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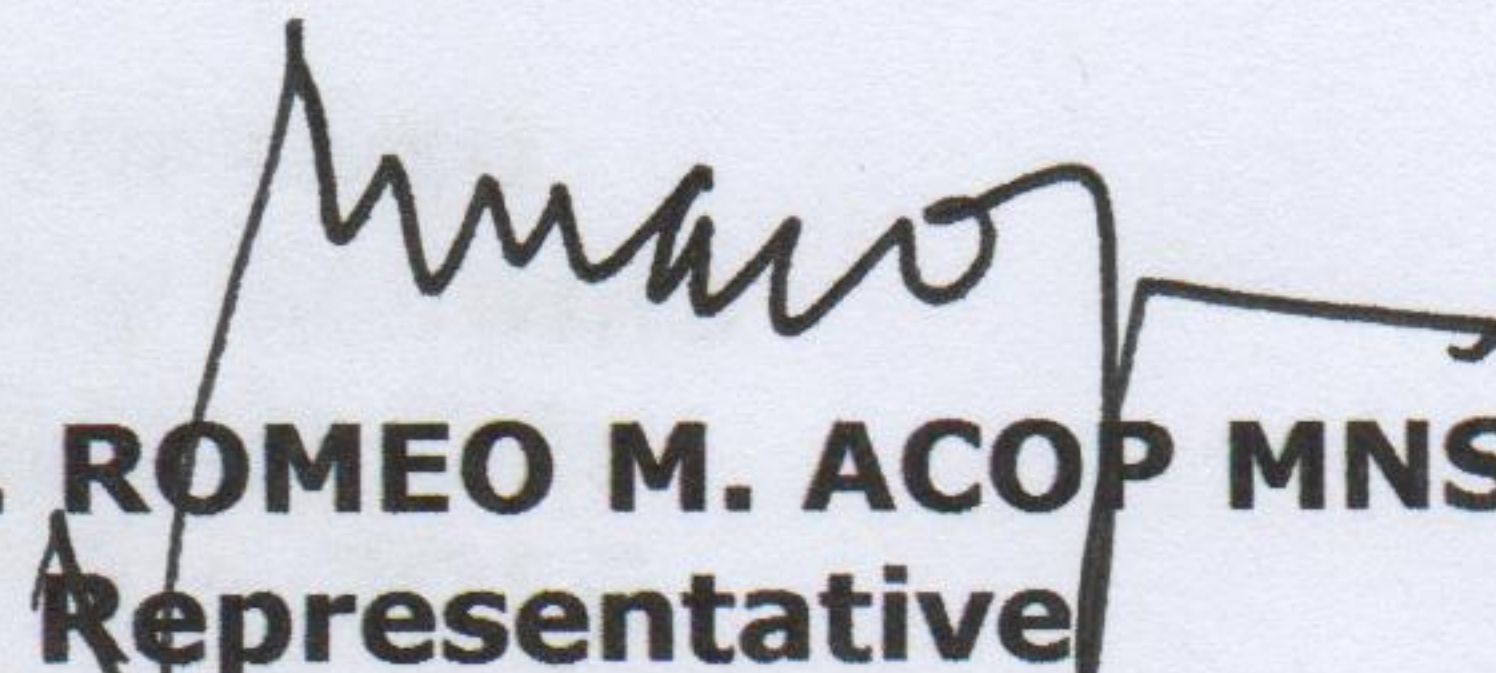
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competencies to stand at par with global standards and be equipped with relevant skills and knowledge in your chosen professions.

It is in this aspiration that I congratulate all of you and I pray that in the near future, you will all be empowered and become able and productive participants in the shared task of nation-building.

Congratulations!



HON. ROMEO M. ACOP MNSA
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