

My Humble Expectation and Contribution

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17 year old , Lawrence Ross Jim P. Yap graduated class valedictorian in high school and at the age of 17 Lawrence is now in his third year as a Biology major at the Far Eastern University in Manila

Lawrence considers this life as a journey. And as he takes journey from day-to-day, he wants to live a life that touches other's people's lives – to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of others. Perhaps to write a book -- to be able top deliver his message to his fellow youth and urge them to appreciate their privileged life as children of Expat Pinoys.

“The most exalted rank of humanity is the knowledge of God Almighty...” I have always been fascinated in life’s unfathomable mystery.....

Humanity connects us to the rest of the universe and everything touches us. Looking into life in a more spiritual sense, gave me a more profound understanding of what is my purpose not only in the community or society that I lived in but as a representation of man, out of the multitude created on earth and by this **I realized, how important to seriously study, analyzed, appreciate and do my share in relation with others, to be able to developed a more appropriate approach in fulfilling the purpose and role to which I am part of the universal truth of Unity.**

Born in a family of lesser means but with high consideration for education, I consider myself truly blessed in pursuing my education through my beloved mother’s ample earnings abroad as an Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) in Jeddah, kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Suffice to say, I am very grateful and have always done my best in my academic standing, and takes a very little pride of the fruits of my labored studying.

I believed through my going the proper molding and polishing, I humbly trust, I could better served my family, my community, my country and most importantly our Creator now, more than ever.

I have participated well and extensively and also held position in different school and civic organization that provides effective projects and activities in coordination with other groups or organization that benefits its members and others.

I am an active member of a Turkish-based spiritual book group for my self-balanced and see life and my purpose in divine perspective to enlighten me in taking the right direction in life and cultivate my sense of right and wrong. In furtherance of my sincere desire in doing so, I think of ideas to suggest to the group and organization I’m involved with and do our best to bring implementation. **I strongly believed that a “Disciplined Man makes a Disciplined Society” and this strengthens, improve and stabilized the country’s economy as a whole.**

I have represented and actively participated in different leadership programs, seminars and competitions, to hone my talent, boost my confidence and enthusiasm, and further bolster my belief. This has enriched my ability to mingle with the different types of people of different aims or priorities in serving more people.

Needless to say, proper evaluation and understanding one another and the world we lived in could make us see positively our place in it. I have always struggle to do what is right and commit myself to kindness and service to humanity in my own little way. **I support and advocate an enhanced spirituality, kindness, empathy, honesty, frugality, education and proper communication-interaction.**

And by the grace of our Creator-sustainer, my desire for a safe-loving world for everyone will eventually ensue.

In coordination with the group and organization I'm part of, I am looking forward in doing a **feeding program** for the less fortunate or selected beneficiaries, **launch a medical mission** and **to conduct forums and free lectures** about the role and purpose of youth and man's relation and purpose in life.

Year 2005, I was one of the **chosen few** to attend and received **recognition** as **Bright Child** from no less than her Excellency, **President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo** at Malacanang Palace. She incredibly inspires me to emphasize the importance in supporting the further development of youth who are the foundation of a better future, for great leaders are born with great responsibilities. There is an adage, "**A man without a definite aim or purpose in life is an helpless like a ship without a compass.**" It goes without saying, "What is the most important thing in my life? What I want from my life? What direction to take?" Knowledge and wisdom goes hand in hand, and empty purpose I reckon in therefore self defeating.

My wide experienced in Leadership has prepared me in the awareness of true service to he people. Uplifting the standards of education for me is also imperative. Also, my wide leadership experienced equipped me with skills, wisdom, humility and wholesome personality **has brought the confidence that I can be the best I can!**

I am going to fully advocate **Unity and Resilience among Youth**, in order to be fruitful someday and make change not only for our betterment but also for the world we lived in.

I would like to write and hopefully publish an inspirational book or message for the youth that will encourage and motivate them to prove themselves that by everyone's cooperation, material and eternal fulfillment transpires.

My experienced in oral and written communication **could guide beginners in broadening their interests.** **I would like to greatly promote " Reading"** especially the best books our hand could ever get, because I believed that through the habit of reading, information and communication aside from knowledge and wisdom place an important factor in our good behavior, for proper dealing with our fellowmen.

I would like to **invigorate the youth's hearts and spirits by making them understand and grasp the Universal truth, "When the going gets tough, only the tough gets going!"** We very well known man by nature is extremely weak yet everything touches him, but he also is utterly lacking in power and yet

the calamities and enemies that afflict him are extremely numerous. Man's hand is short and yet its life is brief, its power is slight, and its patience is little.

I want the youth's eyes to rise to the rank of a reader of the great book of being, **To promote overseeing and protection of our Environment for the pleasure of living of next generation.**

I am a key to all being... I would like **to enlighten the youth and others about man's deepest need** and that is to accept the main fact that the earth we lived in is a moral universe founded in a spiritual reality that **unless man believes of the "Divine Existence," all remained meaningless for we are all Interrelated.**

When we realized the Theory of Relativity or Interconnectedness such as the famous Scientist Albert Einstein then we see Oneness and Harmony. We appreciate Unity and Diversity...

I would like to **heighten awareness of the youth in acting sensitively, responsibly, as to all other creations we're entrusted** and to which we pass as the ultimate Legacy to our loved ones and future generation.

Aroused in me is a Longing for a Unified, Peaceful and Secured Life. It is very basic and fundamental to have a right frame of mind before one seek the good of others....

As to **frugality**, I would like **to give wise instruction** to the young in the form of categorically commanding, frugality and **contentment** and **clearly prohibiting wastefulness and extravagance.** We should be thankful for all the bounties our Creator bestows on mankind. Frugality shows thanks and respect towards the mercies where extended. Frugality saves a person from degradation of what is in effect begging, and is a cause of self-respect. It is also a powerful means of experiencing the pleasure to be found in bounties. Wastefulness on the other hand, is opposed to such wisdom and has grave consequences. It is universal proof that the consequence of frugality is plenty and good living. It is dignity and generosity. **Stinginess and meanness, excess and wastefulness lead to Greed.**

The world we lived in has suffered so much due to Greed. Greed destroys sincerity and damages actions. It also destroys enthusiasm for work and a person can sacrifice his self-respect on that way and even his honour.

Advocating frugality at a young age will result to man's desire in considering other people's predicament. Excess and wastefulness lead to lack of contentment and causes laziness and complaining about life continuously. Also, it ruins the person and opens the door to hypocrisy.

As for frugality and economy, I would like to **emphasize** to the young that since a contented person is respected, and the greedy one despised, the consequence is self-esteem. Also, it encourages effort and work.

The wonders of frugality, in deed, should be fully in a compelling nature especially as there is so much hunger, starvation and poverty in the world. Simply said, the frugal and economical person will not suffer endue trouble and hardship in supporting his family.

So much for my aims and aspirations, needless to say my profound love, understanding and wanting to please my beloved mother who has tremendously sacrificed, braved in living strangely and painstakingly works in a foreign land away from us, her children, so we may be able to pursue our studies and amply survive the high cost of living especially these hard times.

With all the accustomed hardships we have grown up, my beloved mother couldn't bear no more imagining the uncertainty life poses for us all, the very reason she decided that I and my brothers and sister's future should come first and decided to work abroad.

Finally, **may the small voice in me intensifies and eventually paved the way** to materialize **my comprehensive aspiration and purpose**. May I continually be responsive, productive and sensitive as to the needs of others. **May I find more ways to serve my fellow men in this short journey**. May we all realize one life touches the other and so we must love and consider one another. Living life in a way that reflects a great and noble calling should be our priority. **I am fortunate to have known at early age of my purpose and so I launched my ability to accomplish that mission. May I not compromise my character in carrying out my service for Humanity.**