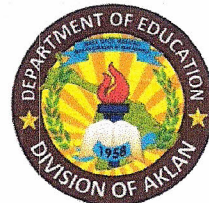




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## MESSAGE

The greatest life's challenge is life itself. Many people have existed but they did not know how to live.

Once more, the collaboration between schools and their stakeholders has borne good fruits. The DepED is now reaping the first gains of the K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum, specifically the first graduates of Grade 12.



What does this year's theme: "Mag-aaral ng K to 12: Handa sa Hamon ng Buhay" imply to us? It describes to us the picture of the graduate of basic education in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. The image of the graduate is someone who is resilient to the reality of life – that life is a call of service to others.

Our call to all communities where these learners belong is to make their place a fertile breeding ground for the citizens of tomorrow. The readiness to serve is tempered by an environment that is just and humane.

Young leaders look up to good role models. Beyond one's desire to accumulate material wealth should be the yearning to "contribute meaningfully to building the nation."

Congratulations to all completers and graduates, as well as to their families. May you always be a blessing to one another.

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