

SEVENTEEN YEARS

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Graduate, Finally a Word that makes your smile while wearing that black cap and gown holding that white empty rolled bond paper, reminisce the time when your still struggling and fighting for you target grades, the sleepless nights, friends outing you missed due to unfinished projects and task that need to accomplished in time not to mentions the school events that makes you more busier. Seventeen years of continues study that sometimes your brain cells cannot accommodate more learnings. So your just pause for a while, but it doesn't mean you can stop. When thinking of the exams that is fast approaching you know that you have to prepare yourself for unrestful reviews, and sometimes it cross your mind why do you have to put a so much effort in studying, reviewing and what is the use of high grades and being one of the top student?. And then you will soon realize what's your parents told you "you have to study hard, we cannot give you anything except for the education, look at us due to the poverty we didn't have the opportunity to finish college even high school, we don't want you to end up like us, so study well, after you graduate everything will be easier, you will not go through what you are experiencing now all you have to do is to graduate". And you keep that in mind for seventeen years.

And now, Welcome to the world of Graduates...Employment, do you still remember what your parents told you every morning before going to school, you just have to graduate. Did you find it much easier? Less troubled? No more exams, projects, noisy classmates, dictator and terror teachers? No more waking up early.

Your next journey will surprise you believe me.

You will have to look for your first job, with a series of interviews and exams, yes you hear it right a series of exam that don't have any clues no pointers to review, no specific chapter and subject, you will not know a type of exam and how many items. And then you will remember what your parents told you, just graduate.

If you are lucky enough to be employed on that first job, you will meet new faces and some are familiar, you will meet your high school or college classmate or school mates whom you once help with their assignments, who seated next to you kicking your chair and asking answer for the whole exam period. You will sharing the same office, with same salary, same work, the only question left unanswered is, who will survive.

Who will survive in this battle wherein it requires a more demanding environment surrounded by the best of the best chosen employees eagerly to achieve their goals, not for higher grade but a higher position with a better salary, do you still remember what your parents told you? "Just Graduate".

That's the reality of life that we, the graduates are facing, Graduate is not the end, it is a new path that you have to take, a journey that you must be equip with knowledge, techniques, passion and determination that you have acquire during those school years.

It is Vital now a days to focus on your study, forget the friend night out if it mean losing your chance to be a graduate, never complains with the hardship you are facing during school year, by doing that your teacher want you to bring out the best in you, please cooperate, it's for you not for them. They want you to be successful not because you are lucky, but because you deserve.

Success came after survival...

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