## THE YOUTH... AND THE TEACHER ARE THE HOPE OF THE NATION

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It's the 21st century! Here we are and continuously embracing the caring and nurturing profession, a genuine conception that most of us teachers encompass. Certainly, the champions of the noblest profession! Despite the many challenges and trials, we stand!

Looking back, the education system never fails to carry out its goals and objectives to educate the learners. From the good old traditional or classic methods of the 70's and 80's, to the forward-looking approach of the 90s. Then the much modern way of 2000's. Now the prevailing and innovative way of instruction adapted by everybody. Truly, every teacher must learn to adapt and incorporate what is contemporary and innovative. We suit ourselves to what is acceptable and appropriate. We deliver what is intended to be carried out. Much is expected to us teachers. A famous quote by Jose Rizal reminds us that the youth is the hope of the nation, could more empowering if even a small acknowledgment be added to, and I may say, "the youth could have a much more promising future and the hope of the nation because of the guidance of the teachers." Let us not forget that we might not be the best, but we filled their cups when we crossed paths.

Conceivably, the youth and teachers play crucial roles in shaping the future of a nation. As the hope of the nation, they have the power to bring about positive change and contribute to the development and progress of their country. With this, the significance of the youth and teachers in society could both highlight their potentials to make a difference.

The youth and teachers are the hope of the nation, as they possess the potential to shape a better future. By empowering the youth and providing them with quality education, opportunities, and support, they can become active contributors to society. Similarly, teachers play a vital role in inspiring and guiding students, molding them into responsible citizens and future leaders. Together, the youth and teachers can bring about positive change and contribute to the progress and development of their nation.

Existing in the 21st century, teachers are tasked correspondingly to demonstrate 21st century skills. Steering to empowerment, encouraging critical thinking and creativity, promoting leadership skills and civic engagement, boosting innovation and problem-solving, fostering an entrepreneurial mindset among the learners, inspiring social and environmental responsibility, promoting awareness and action on social issues, encouraging sustainable practices and environmental conservation, engaging in community service and volunteerism, equipping skills development, and a lot more others that must withstand the demands of the present and future time. These are all expected to us teachers in filling up the cups of our learners. It is important that our passion in this noblest profession that we chose must not tumble down. We must bear in mind that our learners are always in good hands with us. Finally, let that burning desire of giving our best to them endure.

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