

THE SECRET OF TOMASIANS

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What comes on your mind when you heard the word, Tomas Pinpin? Maybe the first thing you remember was the school here in Abucay. But who is Tomas Pinpin?

According to manila.centevos.es a website who published facts and information about Tomas Pinpin stated that Some historians dub Tomas Pinpin, as the "Prince of Filipino Printers" or the "Patriarch of Filipino Printing." He learned the art of printing about the end of 1608 in the Dominican-owned printing press in Abucay. In Abucay, Father Blancas employed in 1609 young Pinpin as an apprentice at the printing shop and taught him the art of printing. He is native from Mabatang Abucay Bataan. Until now his legacy were visible thru our young generations who participated in different contest in news writing.

His talents and skills set the standard of one of the most popular and well-known school in Abucay that follows to his name which is Tomas Pinpin Memorial Elementary School. This school known in different field. From being the 2nd placer in Brigada Eskwela and School Based Management level 3 accredited by Regional Office and serve as sanctuary of children who has package of knowledge and skills that shows that Abukenyos are talented and had a blast.

Tomas Pinpin Memorial Elementary School. It is categorized as Mega School. It consists of 59 teachers and 2 nonteaching personnel. The school located at Brgy,Ibayo, Gabon, Abucay, Bataan.. The excellence of the school was obviously shows because of different awards and achievements in both administrative and learners' accomplishment.

Many young minds were forged and bloomed in the four comers of the school. Different childhood memories were built and never forgotten.

Where does Tomas Pinpin Memorial Elementary School come from? When it begins to operate?

Who founded this prestigious school? Those are the questions come in my mind because of curiosity and wondering. I asked some of the eldest alumni and my kababayans who studied and witnessed the history of my alma mater.

But there are some people who told the unending story of Ms. Timbang, a story that passed from one generation to generation. A fiction story from eldest to their young ones. I remembered the version of story stated of our Inang about Ms. Tim-bang According to her "Miss Timbang is a young lady that has been raped and killed long time ago and now she asked for justice". This story might be part of Tomas Pinpin, but no one can tell if that story, is true or not. Hence, the real story behind this school was It is founded in year 1933 and it will never be forgotten, and nobody can revise. The secret of Tomasians will still remain mysterious.

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