

My warmest greetings to everyone...

Time flies so fast and goes with it are the changes and the challenges that everyone has triumphantly overcome. These changes are the aftermath of the department's genuine commitment to provide the students with the kind of education they truly deserve. The implementation of K to 12 Basic Education Program is one of the manifestations of the never ending endeavor of the Department of Education in shaping versatile citizens in our country.

Was it only yesterday when the idea of K to 12 first jolted our consciousness? No, it wasn't yesterday but it was more than a year ago. Yet, some still doubt its effectiveness, but many have already acknowledged that this program is exactly what we need to re-energize the quality of education that this country is sorely in need of.

This year's theme, "Building the Nation's Future Leaders through the K to 12 Basic Education Program", articulates our faith and optimism in the hope for the finest changes that the program will bring about, if all of us will support and give it our best efforts. The K to 12 is envisioned to produce quality graduates who are globally competitive, who are at par with the world standard, yet with pure love and concern for our country.

For now, however, we pause and celebrate our students' achievements, and give our parents and ourselves that proverbial "pat in the back" for a job well done. School Year 2012-2013 was a very challenging year but we have met those challenges with our heads held high and came through it all, the better and wiser for it. Meantime, allow me to quote these beautiful lines from an Old Irish blessing which I address to the Graduates this year:

May the road rise up to meet you May the wind be always at your back May the sun shine warm upon your face And the rains fall soft upon your fields And until we meet again May God hold you in the hallow of His hand.

Dear Graduates, I truly recognize the marvelous achievements you have garnered. I wish to see you in the future and find where this journey through life has further brought you. I am very confident that with the splendid skills you have developed and with the knowledge you have gained from your school, you will emerge famous and victorious in your chosen path in life.

Good Luck Graduates of Misamis Oriental!!!

