

A New Year's Message from the Chairman:

A Challenging 2011, A Promising 2012.

The past year was truly challenging for all of us.

While YPF came to life years ahead, the year 2011 can be regarded as our official Christendom, punctuated by our re-launch last February that outlined our foundation's newfound thrust and expanded purpose. Thus, the rise of Para-Paaralan and our desire to help as many youth as possible, access the value and power of knowledge.

But it was also exactly around that time that YPF had its first baptism of fire when, no less than the EDSA People Power Commission (EPPC), invited us to lead the youth mobilization and festivities for the 25th commemorative celebration of the 1st EDSA People Power Revolution. It was nothing less but historic.

True we are yet to harness our clout and resources to start the engine of our own mobile knowledge hub, fashioned with our desired "info-tainment" component. But it did not hamper us to carry out our core mission to help bridge the gaps in our country's education sector and in trying to provide the youth with all the possible tools for learning.

And so we saw ourselves in the midst of sharing our knowledge not only to the students, but also to their parents and community leaders as well, on how to prepare ourselves in facing the constantly recurring natural calamities caused by the worsening climate change and human disrespect to our environment. And we dubbed this program, "Para-Paaralan Para sa Kahandaan," or 3PK.

Rightfully so, through 3PK, we were able to arm thousands of students, mostly high school students and OSY's, on disaster preparedness, including the communities where they belong on how to squarely respond to these challenges. Yes, we trained around twelve thousand students, side by side with our usual distribution of school supplies.

For those directly impacted by the chain of calamities brought about by typhoons Falcon, Pedring, Quiel and Sendong, our foundation mounted several relief missions, through the help of our advocacy partners, that resulted in the distribution of thousands of various school supplies and food as well. Indeed, the undying will of the calamity victims to rise again, and the renewed spirit of bayanihan, were just too compelling and heart-warming.

And worth mentioning is the untiring active support of my "believers," in the world of entertainment who has never waived in helping the foundation, together with the Sterling Group that constantly made their resources available for our missions. Thank you to all of you.

This year, we are accorded with much wider opportunities and possibilities to bring our chosen advocacies to a higher and broader level, what with our growing tactical and strategic partnerships with different institutions and groups that revolve around what YPF stands for that is, *youth, education and service*.

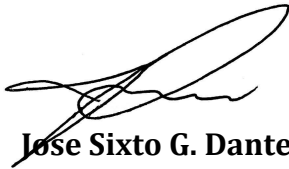
On one hand, we have a deepening relationship with relevant key agencies such as the DepEd and DSWD. On another, we are now partnered with the Metro Manila Mayors, courtesy of the Metro Manila Mayor's Spouses Foundation. Couple these with our growing synergy with the country's most pervasive youth organization, the SK, and the new doors that has opened with the Department of Agriculture (DA), courtesy of our strategic partner, Linksapinoy (Links), and I am certain, this year will be a very busy year for all of us.

Simply put, we are about to face bigger tasks in the coming months. And I believe it is time to roll up our sleeves further and firmly link up our arms in the pursuit of our collective desire to help the Filipino youth.

With God's grace, I am sure we will succeed in accomplishing our mission.

May we all attain a Happier New Year!

Carry on!



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