

WE FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

As part of the Civil Service Workforce, we witnessed diversified Experiences, Cultures, Norms, Personalities and Genders that are collaborating to be an agent of change in every lives of the Filipino people. Undeniably, Women has a great impact on the positive change in today's society. But, have we ever thought of tapping the shoulder of a woman and saying "You did great!"? or Have we ever said to a Woman, "You are strong! You can do it!" or even saying, "Keep going, you're almost there!"? Have we ever acknowledged their tenacity and prowess? Optimism, Courage, Womanhood and a Nation Builder-these are only some precious spirits that make women inclusive in this modern society.

It's evident that Women has the firm desire to achieve the aspirations they want to manifest in their lives. Let's take a look back of Ms. Pia Wurtzbach's dream to become a Ms. Universe. She began her modeling career at the age of 15 and won several beauty pageants in the Philippines. Based on her story on "Maala-ala Mo Kaya", behind those winning moments in Pageantry, were silent battles and bittersweet pain she never talked with anyone. Consequently, she almost questioned herself of continuing that passion as she finding her ultimate dream difficult of achieving. Nevertheless, she managed to become optimistic, she won the precious crown and hailed as Ms. Universe 2015 hence pursued her dream.

Across cultures, women have typically been stereotyped as more kind and nurturing, but less intelligent and skillful. They're believed to have limited capabilities as to being individual. Before, they're not allowed to vote, to study or even to do activities that believed Men are only capable of. They're identified to be stagnant of being a housewife with expertise on household chores. However, as we proudly speak, Hidilyn Francisco Diaz-Naranjo, is a Filipina weightlifter and airwoman that holds two Olympic records in weightlifting at Women's 55 kg category at the 2020 Summer Olympics thus proved her courage in breaking these stereotypes.

Being a daughter, mother and grandmother is Womanhood. The femininity such as Menstruation and Pregnancy is something to be respected to. They're big part in sustaining the Family's good relationship. Embracing Womanhood while working on the success in professional career and politics and Heroism are the proof that they're inclusive as a nation builder. Our Division Chiefs here in Financial Management Service are all Women. Mrs. Gloria Arroyo and Mrs. Corazon Aquino were former presidents. Melchora Aquino, a mother of Katipunan.

As we enjoined ourselves in Women's Month Celebration, now is the great time to congratulate, thank, honor and salute them for being a testimony of Optimism and Courage and for embracing the Womanhood while being able to be inclusive as a nation builder. Proudly, FMS composes of these Women. And yes, - "They're not JUST Women. They're Women!"