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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **6464**, S-2015

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ENACT A LAW INTEGRATING FOREIGN LANGUAGE AS AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT IN THE K-12 CURRICULA FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilor PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Dorothy A. Delarmente, Lena Marie P. Juico, Alexis R. Herrera, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramulfo Z. Ludovica, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Jessica Castelo Daza, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, the Department of Education should integrate foreign language as an elective subject into K-12 curricula, covering both public and private schools in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, the integration of foreign language studies shall help equip the students to be competitive and enjoy better job opportunities once they enter the highly competitive global field and it will help the students familiarize with other foreign literature and culture and build and keep cultural connections not only to the foreign language speakers but to the heritage and history they represent;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education expects the K-12 program to be fully rolled out by year 2015, and estimates around 1 Million students will enter senior high school by year 2016;

WHEREAS, the said program shall be feasible for Grade 12 (ages 15-17) of K-12 curriculum which best suit lingual learning capacity of the students;

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WHEREAS, the students in learning foreign language such as Spanish, French, Japanese, German, Chinese Mandarin, and languages from countries that are commonly encountered by Filipinos who are currently working abroad, could be a great investment for those students who wish to work overseas in the near future;

WHEREAS, Spanish, for instance, is spoken everyday by over 450 million people in 22 countries, and Mandarin by more than 1 billion people all over the world as the Spanish and Mandarin-speaking countries are huge markets for the services, skills and talents of the Filipinos, especially Japan, Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia which make use of foreign laborers. The industrial companies, the construction industry and house-keeping offer a lot of employment possibilities for Filipinos to work abroad. Filipinos work also in many European countries, the United States and countries in the Middle East;

WHEREAS, the number of the overseas Filipino workers as of year 2012 reached 2,082,223, including new-hires, re-hires, and sea based workers. This makes the Philippines the fourth largest recipient of official remittances after China, India, and Mexico. OFW remittances represent 13.5% of the country's GDP, the largest in proportion to the domestic economy among the four countries;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education should promote and consider the benefits of implementing the foreign language as a regular subject in the K-12 curricula and determine the appropriate areas of foreign languages to be included as a regular subject, the number of hours to be devoted by the teachers and students and the necessary guidelines and policies;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Quezon City should have a partnership with Language institutions for the implementation of the said program such as trainings of teachers, designing of lesson plans and conducting lectures;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education should provide funding for materials, trainings for teachers and for the implementation thereof.

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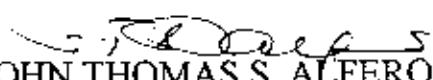
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Congress of the Philippines to enact a law integrating foreign language as an elective subject in the K-12 curricula for public and private schools in Quezon City.

ADOPTED: August 3, 2015.



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 3, 2015 and was CONFIRMED on August 10, 2015.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III.