

Human Rights in a Layman's Point of View

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Human Rights has already sent its message across regions and cultures in the Philippines. From the time of its adoption in 1948 by Nations who believed and recognized that every human person has an inherent dignity and inalienable rights as stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, it has already gone along way in upholding in cause. Especially for a land that has suffered more than 400 years of occupation and several more years of oppression whether from foreign or local nationals, freedom and recognition of one's dignity first-hand. The submission of the few to the dominant groups in the society has already begun to turn to a different angle. The tides have turned, with many people who have been educated, from small children to the senior citizens, upholding their rights have gained strength and support. At present, there have been several statues passed and adopted to protect the rights and dignity of a person, even senior citizens. Those who tested and mocked these rights may seem to have succeeded in violating these rights but surely justice will and has always prevailed in the long run no matter how long it takes. The establishment of the National Human Rights Institution has facilitated the investigation of various cases in violation of human rights. This has created an impression among victims and perpetuation alike that our country is serious in upholding Human Rights. Amenably, there's still much to do to free people from feat and finally assert these rights but at least with record-breaking feats at EDSA in 1986 and several other instances that have promoted these rights and this present issues with a political clan in Maguindanao awaiting judgment, we have indeed gone a long way.