

Peace and Human Right

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If there's one thing I've asked to our almighty God, probably it would be peace here on earth. Nowadays, we encounter or our society encounters a lot of problems such as crime; incidents that should not be happen. Why is it that we cannot attain peace here on earth? To whom peace is sought? When can we start to have peace????? Such questions that should be answer only by our own self.

We people can only attain peace here on earth not only avoiding troubles, not to commit crimes but we must begin it with ourselves. And yes, peace start in ourselves because how can we make peace to others if in our self, there is no peace. People involved in so much troubles it is because there in their selves, no peace at all. Other say if you are a leader you should be role model of your subordinates but how come some of our government leader especially those who are in a higher position cause some troubles. They only use their position to dump others such poor people. As we can see, most of the government officials do not know how to treat their subordinate or people in their community in a proper manner because they are in a higher position they have the power to dump others. These leaders think only that they are only a poor, uneducated person and no right to fight against them that's why poor people choose to be soundless rather to fight their rights. There is a big threat in our community at this time. Many irregularities came as a surprise to the people. Unsolved cases are continuously breaking the silence at this point of the time where everybody gets confused on how these things happened in our society. One factor that should be pointed out as a reason of this, shall we say man made disturbance is the absence of respect to one another. It should be remembered that peace exist if there is love and respect that links our every heart.

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. Our rights as a human should be exercised so that we will not be maltreated by our fellowmen but in some cases also, as we fight to protect our rights, this is also the time that war takes place. So sometimes we get confused on what we are supposed to do. There is a question that shapes our mind every now and then, "am I doing the right or not?". Our point is that, sometimes we may not know if what we are doing is right or wrong. Respect for human rights must be valued so much to maintain PEACE here on earth.

Peace and Human Rights are intertwined and essential. Peace building and the promotion and protection of human rights are at the heart of the aspirations of the Filipino people, yet remain among the biggest challenges for the Philippines.

Without peace, we cannot have stability, freedom from fear and freedom from want. Peace is a cornerstone of progress – economic, social, individual and national growth. Peace and human rights are not only important for Filipinos, they are intertwined such that one is needed to achieve the other, and vice versa. Peace is essential for the full enjoyment, respect and protection of human rights. When there is conflict, the economy is affected, making it difficult for economic rights to be fulfilled. Social tensions lead to violations of social human rights. Political and civil rights are affected when parties to conflict decide they can commit violations such as extrajudicial killings and torture in the name of their missions.

On the other hand, human rights respect, protection promotion and fulfillment are essential to maintain and build peace. Conflicts often have root causes that are related to human rights, even if the parties do not realize it. When there is deep and systemic discrimination that deprives one or more group of society of its right to political participation, that group will often resort to armed means. Many rebellions are started and continued for causes such as poverty, lack of basic services, lack of access to political participation and decision-making, abuses of their rights or attacks on their members.

When an effort is made to fully respect, protect, promote and fulfill all human rights whether economic, social, cultural, political or civil that effort helps build towards peace or can prevent conflict. Government has primary HR responsibility: Government officials and public servants are obligated by law to respect human rights and to promote and fulfill them as they go about their work. With human rights comes responsibility. All of us have the responsibility to respect the human rights of everyone else. We also have the responsibility to build a society where we all can enjoy our human rights.

The concept of human rights has been essential to the development of democratic systems and international institutions. It has also been, and continues to be, at the centre of much heated debate concerning its scope, its validity in different cultural contexts, or the legitimacy of its application to justify infringements on nation states' sovereignty. The course is intended to provide participants with the knowledge and awareness to address human rights issues from a proper historical, comparative and global perspective in order to develop feasible solutions to current problems related to human rights. The course will start with a thorough overview of the philosophical and legal basis of the concept of human rights, its historical development and its political implications, with strong emphasis on the different perceptions and definitions of human rights in different national, historical and cultural contexts. Based on this theoretical foundation, the course will review and evaluate the legal basis and political functions of human rights organizations. The general knowledge thus gained will then be applied and expanded by an analysis of past and current human rights practices, instruments and institutions with a focus on a number of central areas of human rights: women's and children's rights, refugee protection and human rights and development. Finally, the interlink ages between various human rights issues will be explored through a comparative regional analysis of human rights regimes.