



FILIPINO LANGUAGE: UNVEILING ECHOES OF A RICH CULTURE

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The Filipino language echoes the rich culture of the past,
shields the people of the present,
bridges dreams of a wonderful future,
All in the name of one great Filipino pride!

Every Filipino word is like a drop of blood,
that sustains our lives,
tracing to the smallest arteries of our existence our love for country,
Carrying resilience and a happy spirit to keep on going even when times get tough!

It is a lighthouse that creates lasting beams,
lights up the dwindling sense of nationalism,
and diminishing pride in one's ancestry.

Amid foreign intrusion, a flicker crackles and awakens the heroic blood that lies in slumber!

It reflects a river of wisdom between the past and the present,
that flows greatly and powerfully
and strengthens the nation of the lessons of the past,

To create a great present that provides a stronghold of idealism, patriotism and pride!

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It is embedded in a mosaic of different pieces of craftsmanship and artistry,
that reflects our hopes and dreams as Filipinos,
resounding where we came from and where we are heading,
Replicating artistic expressions of our culture and tradition that bring happiness and pride!

It is a bridge between the past and the present,
That establishes our identity as Filipinos,
and a sword that defends our country and its people,
Including the rich culture and values we dearly and constantly carve as a nation!

It is a big dome of unity, shelter, and history of a nation,
that echoes how we inherit the martyrdom and heroism of our ancestors,
putting on a pedestal the greatness of the Filipino people
Unveiling the echoes of a rich culture and grandeur that only a powerful language can!

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