

A pleasant morning everyone, I am Annedrea Prixy Libiran, representing LifeCollege and speaking on behalf of the youth all over the world. I am one of those who wish to express our feelings and opinions—to share our thoughts. I am one of those who wish for our voices to be heard—for someone to listen. Today, this very morning, I am given a chance—an opportunity—to speak and to let you hear the voices of the youth.

When you were young, have you ever thought of becoming someone with a very high position? Maybe some, but haven't you thought of becoming a teacher or an astronaut before at first? When was your first fight? And what was that for? Was it for a good cause or just because your emotions overwhelmed you? Did you think that you would be seated in your seats this very day, listening to a mere student speaking about what today's leaders can do for the youth? No, right? We were born clueless but with a plan. We were born not knowing that we are important nor realizing that we have the capability or the skills to make important decisions needed for the growth of the world and its inhabitants.

We have so many goals and plans that we want to achieve. We have yet a sustainable future to attain. But how can we achieve and attain all these? There are countless ways of course, but were these plans ever put into action? If not, when? Many youths are only waiting for the chance to participate in something big. Because when they do, they will be one step closer to their goal. They will be one step closer to becoming future leaders.

I have been traveling to different countries—in Asia for now—to teach myself, know our similarities and differences, to keep myself open-minded, and to enhance my skills, especially in socializing. I am also a part of my school's program, Global Citizenship Class, where students have the opportunity to travel to five countries in Asia. We met new friends, ate new food and their delicacies, visited new places, and learned a lot more than a book can tell me. So, please don't tell the youth to just learn from books or from the school. Remember, to make amazing and open-eyed leaders, you must not contain their knowledge or keep them in the four corners of the classroom. I am one of the living proofs of someone who has matured and whose mind widened because of traveling.

There are certain challenges that I hope leaders will take notice. There are certain challenges that I hope leaders will notice. First, teach us, young people, how to love ourselves as Palaweños. Teach us our own identity. Help us know the story of our province and municipalities. Through this, we'll be able to face our future with pride and values.

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Second, even though Palawan is becoming a developed province, we should not forget what Palawan was before. It was a province with little transportation. A province where almost everyone in the community knows one another. Palawan is the frontier of the Philippines, so let us maintain our image and let it grow more.

In addition, I want to share with you an idea from Singapore. Back when we had our school trip in Singapore, we went to their gallery, or the place where the plans for Singapore and its history is put up. They have a miniature of the whole country where the placements of buildings are carefully thought out. Through this, they can determine the number of infrastructures in the country, where they are placed and still, they have a well-organized country.

Thank you.