



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2021 marks the 25th anniversary of Alipato: A Journal of Basic Education. It was the brainchild of Dr. Eleanor “Neneng” Hermosa† who was then the head of the UPIS Office of Research, Development and Publication (ORDP). Back then, I was a junior faculty, and I was recruited to join the Research Committee. The committee members served as writers for its maiden issue. Topics were assigned to us by Ma’am Neneng and she and Rodrick Galam made sure we did things right... the first draft of my first solo article came back full of red marks! ... Thanks Derick! I learned a lot from that “exercise”. Back then I was the school’s resident computer geek and got the job as lay-out artist as well. Though, the logo wasn’t mine. It was drawn by Avid Liongoren, who was then a student of Ma’am Neneng. The maiden issue was kind of an excuse to publish UPIS’ curricular innovations. UPIS was (and still is) notorious for doing experiments and not publishing the results. Fast forward to 2005, and Alipato became a refereed journal under Dr. Vilma Resuma, ORDP head at that time. This move turned out to be beneficial to UPIS and the College of Education (our mother unit) faculty. By then, tenure required (among other things) publication in a refereed journal and, by some twist of fate, the College of Education’s own refereed journal (Education Quarterly) wasn’t publishing (even up to now). This allowed Alipato to flourish in a way. Having been around since its inception, I must say that the management of Alipato has improved by leaps and bounds; each ORDP head (who also functions as Alipato’s editor-in-chief) learning from their predecessors. The current head, Sa Gonzales is no different. So, to Sa and her team, congratulations! And, may Alipato continue to provide researchers a venue for their “hot ideas” that could make a difference in Philippine basic education.

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