



Republic of the Philippines  
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Region VII, Central Visayas  
Division of Lapu-Lapu City  
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

## GRADUATION MESSAGE



Dear Grade 6 Graduates of 2016-2017:

I congratulate all of you in reaching one of the most important milestones in your lives. I sincerely wish each and every one of you the best of what life and the future has to offer.

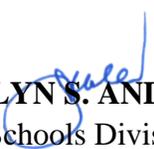
Today is a special day. For our graduates, it is a celebration of the culmination of one or more years of study. I hope it will be an occasion that you will remember fondly for the rest of your lives. It is also an important day for the parents, teachers, family and friends of the graduates. Today is a celebration which you are very much part of. Inspired from this year's theme, "**Sabay-Sabay na Hakbang Tungo sa Maunlad na Kinabukasan,**" is a strong message of togetherness and unity. We all journey together towards one common goal of achieving a progressive future that is worthy of our untiring effort and support.

I trust that within the halls of your schools and corners of your classrooms you are reminded of life's simple lesson – we are all connected to each other! You all have individual roles to portray in life and are destined to do great things! Douglas Malloch beautifully said,

*"If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,  
If you can't be the sun, be a star;  
It isn't by size that you win or you fail--  
Be the best of whatever you are!"*

I hope you will treasure your wonderful experiences with your alma mater as you reminisce some of the happiest years of your life.

On behalf of DepEd Lapu-Lapu City Division, I hope you enjoy today and I wish you every success in the years to come.

  
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