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I come from the Philippines. I live in Manila, the capital of my country. I am currently studying in Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (University of the City of Manila) as a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy Senior student.

I have been involved in the field of student governance and volunteerism since I was in grade school. I became more motivated as I reached my first year in college. I started as a Junior Officer of the Supreme Student Council during my freshman year in Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila. During the same academic year, I ran in the student election as the Treasurer of the College of Physical Therapy Student Council and luckily, I won. Being in my junior year is really a hard time for me back then. It is because I was elected as the President of a university-wide organization in my university. Being the President of TUGON-Responding Students on Community Undertakings and Edification, I need to serve as role model to all the members of the organization and the entire student body of Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila. I conducted life-long projects that have given exceptional lessons and experiences to my members and to our beneficiaries. During my term, we won an award during the International Youth Leaders Conference as one of the awardees of the Youth Leadership Award.

Leadership is such a diverse word. I do believe that leadership is not enough, we need to practice effective, empowering and ethical leadership to inspire more people in reaching their goals in life and promoting a positive change in our society. Being equipped with the principles of TUGON-ReSCUE, I have committed myself to continue providing assistance to my fellow students and youth, and to construct life-changing projects in my country.

I believe the idea that being a leader is not about being the best leader alone, I can finally say that I am great leader if I can inspire and create more leaders because of the legacy and impact that I have given to them in their lives. Like what Mr. John Quincy Adams said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader".