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My Journey to AIDE (Part 2 of 2)

My first term in AIDE was in July-December 1991. Because I was not able to adjust my schedule yet, in my work and my duty as a mother and wife, I deferred my 2nd term enrollment after four (4) years. Undeniably, I thought of not pursuing my course anymore, but because of the goal that I made, and a promise to myself to pursue my college study, I decided to enroll my 2nd term in 1995. I was not so much in a hurry then to complete the course I enrolled, just to say that I was pursuing my goal, no matter how long it would be to earn the degree. And with the coming of my second child in 1997, it required me more determination to continue my studies. The pacing of my study was consistently slow due to my priorities - my family and work responsibilities. Until finally, I completed the required units in 2006. And in February of 2007, I received my diploma and graduated in Bachelor of Arts major in English! That was 15 years in the making for my 2 years remaining units in college, a total of eight (8) unenrolled years, and enrolled only in one (1) term for each enrolled year. (The AIDE was very flexible in enrollment that time). Yes, it was a very long year of waiting. Somewhere along the way, I got discouraged, I got impatient and even lose hope on the very slow process of completing my course, but I never lost my faith in God, trusting him for his guidance and sustenance. See Page 3



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AIDE took me to the path of my doctorate degree

I never thought that my decision to enroll in AIDE led me to acquire graduate school diplomas both in the Masteral and Doctorate degree programs in Public Administration. In 2011, 5 years after I earned my AB English in AIDE, I finished my masteral studies and likewise, in 2016 I got my doctorate degree both from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines – Graduate School. And because of these graduate degrees that I earned; I got a job promotion twice from my work. AIDE I owe you a lot! Thanks a lot for the good and dedicated people who continuously work to operate this Institution. Your hard labor contribute a lot to the enhancement and success of people who love to acquire education and believe that they can make it regardless of the limitations of time, distance and various work responsibilities.

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AIDE to me is

- A chieving one's goal by overcoming the barriers of on campus education
- I improving individual person and society
- D elivering the right content of knowledge and learning
- **E** ducation matters a lot

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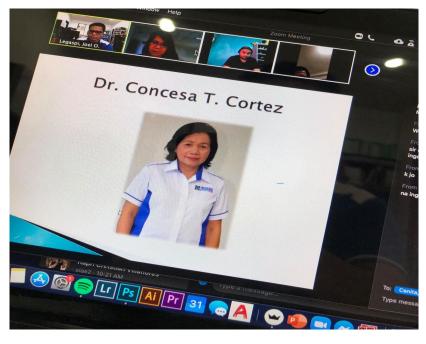


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