



**The Association of Schools of Public Administration in the Philippines, Inc.**

**DEMANDING for the TRUTH  
is GOOD PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION and  
GOVERNANCE**

The current controversy surrounding the NBN-ZTE Deal has set the country and the world watching with disgust and in awe at the scale and extent of corruption and dishonesty that the current administration is allegedly deeply embroiled with.

Evidences, arguments, accusations and opinions of all parties/sectors notwithstanding, the FACT remain that CORRUPTION and BRIBERY of such revolting magnitude HAPPENED and are still HAPPENING...

While majority of Filipinos are hardly able to make both ends meet and the poor in most provinces and urban areas are hardly able to eat three times a day;

While thousands of competent and dedicated government employees do their full share of public sector service with honesty, integrity and a sincere commitment to serve the public;

While millions of Overseas Filipino Workers who were deprived of opportunities in the country, continue to break their backs to be able to support their families and an economy that relies heavily on them to keep itself afloat; and,

While thousands of students all over the country, imbued still with the inspiring idealism and passion to be of service to people, continue to study and better understand public administration and governance.

**THIS IS NOT SOMETHING WE SHOULD TAKE SITTING DOWN!**

We, the Association Schools of Public Administration in the Philippines (ASPAP) Inc., the biggest network of public and private, sectarian and non-sectarian schools and institutes of public administration and governance all over the country, hereby stand and strongly denounce the corruption, bribery and dishonesty surrounding the NBN-ZTE Deal and all attempts to cover them up.

Demanding for the unadulterated and apolitical TRUTH in all of these accusations, lies and cover ups - is intrinsic to our commitment to strengthen the instruction, research and practice of public administration and governance in the country.

Expecting nothing less than the barest of ACCOUNTABILITIES from the government and all institutions mandated to be answerable to the people, their ultimate source of their power and authority - is central to our pledge to be a venue for research, discussion, involvement and action when critical social and governance issues arise.

Insisting on the TRANSPARENCY of all government actions and inactions, mistakes and lapses, transactions, commitments and agreements with institutions, organizations here and abroad as well as all forms of development assistance and/contributions from donor agencies and countries - is basic to the very principles of good governance that we teach our students of public administration all over the country.

Being adamant to uncover the truth and standing up for it - is inherent to the core principle of PARTICIPATION in democratic public administration and the public policy processes.

Now therefore, the Association and Schools of Public Administration in the Philippines, call on its members, affiliates, faculty and students all over the country to stand up and demand for the TRUTH in all of its transparent realities and all the accountabilities that should go with it.

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