

The Declining Years

The world as we know it is going through the most difficult of times, and commerce, finance and other trading of the most important kind have taken new lows. This sudden turn has grabbed the attention of world leaders and spurred them into taking drastic action immediately. It is clear to them, and to the rest of us inhabitants of the globe that should no safety measures be put in place soon, the world will be facing a huge catastrophe.

Perhaps the Asian countries find themselves in a better position to battle the detrimental wave. After all, they have gone through the Asian crisis and their knowledge in that situation has prepared them in planning for all sorts of scenarios to facilitate the troubled times. It is the impact of this previous crisis that have cautioned them to take weary and frugal steps when it came to gambling on risks.



My concern lies in the year 2009 and 2010, for there will still be cracks in the business and financial sectors, also in the property markets. It must be made clear that we are all going through a correctional course, and have no alternative but to risk the times that come before us during this period. What we need to do as global citizens is to be prepared and play our part to downsize the unwarranted and unnecessary fear. For when

there is fear, there is panic and that only leads to negative results, which is the last thing we need in a time demanding our focus and determination. If we can set our minds to conquer this situation, we all emerge as successors of the tide and come out with a better system of economy which was hard won with battle experience collectively achieved by our strong alliance.

Needless to say, countries that have lived in a comfort zone for most of their age will find themselves in a tougher spot trying to wriggle out of the predicament and the resilient countries are those who have weathered the storms previously and have an inkling on how to work around the system. All in all, the chief ingredient to a better world and a united front would be cooperativeness amongst fellow beings.

There have been scores of woeful and disillusioned souls whom have come to me with such laments as: "I played with the stock market and now I am wiped out! I was depending on my property but now am unable to pay the seed money to keep it even!" I do believe that their concerns are valid, but unfortunately, this is life. Things happen, not only you, but to even the best of us and all of us undergo this brutal rite of passage during these arduous times.

It was some 50 years ago when I remember the joke between those that struggled to survive. "Who had the most black sauce today?" Why? Because we did not have the pleasures of sweet meats or luxurious vegetables to grace our plates. Black sauce was the only commodity that we could obtain, and having this poured upon the pittance of rice we had gathered somehow was the best we could have in a meal alone! I am sure that many people of my age can relate to such feelings of poverty and fire to survive during those times.

It goes without saying that the people of my time, as well as myself, worry for the youth of our society today and fear for them having to undergo the harshness of our prior fates. The only fortune that the generation of now have is the ability to better a situation with improve smarts. There are a lot more brainier people who have the know-how to turn a situation to their advantage and I hope that this calamity will boost their experience and knowledge to their benefit.

Well. When the going gets tough, the tough gets going. This would be the ideal time for many of us to go back into retraining and await an opportune moment to strike when the iron is readily hot. We need to keep motivating ourselves during this bad economic downturn, and perhaps use this situation to our advantage by being closer to those that matter around us...

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