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Loving Thy Work

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The month of February, which is also known as the 'love month', is usually connoted with love that is meant for someone, a partner or someone in a relationship with.

It is quite remotely thought of as the kind of love being intended for other aspects in your life like your job, your bread and butter. Sure we've heard of a saying that 'when you choose a job you love, you will never have to work a day in your life.'

This might be a utopian belief but four of our DILG colleagues have inspiring thoughts to feed our hearts and get us introspecting too.

Why do you love your work?

I love my work because I have brilliant mentors. Having a good mentor is an advantage because he or she motivates you to accomplish more than what you think you can and helps you figure out possible paths to focus on in the future.

Being a Planning Officer allows me to have a deeper understanding of the overall undertakings of the Department and influence as well its plans to ensure that our programs and projects are responsive to the needs of the public.

If there's a misconception about your work that you'd like to debunk, what is it?

If there's a misconception about my work, that would be the expectation that Planning Service (PS) knows everything. PS has limitations too. It doesn't implement DILG projects. The operating units are more knowledgeable when it comes to project management and implementation.

If given a chance to choose another job, what would it be and why?

A cardiologist. When I was a kid, my dream was to become a doctor because my mom wanted me to be one. Even though I didn't end up being a doctor, I know my mom is very happy and proud of me wherever she is now.



Kathleen Joy A. Gabaon
Planning Officer

Why do you love your work?

With my work in Central Office Disaster Information Coordinating Center (CODIX), I can save lives. I'm able to influence a lot of people in my very own little way to become prepared and resilient in times of calamity.

If there's a misconception about your work that you'd like to debunk, what is it?

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) is not an 8 am -5 pm job. It's 24/7.

If given a chance to choose another job, what would it be and why?

I would be in a hospital attending to patients.



Robin E. Lim
Coordination Specialist

Why do you love your work?

I consider my work as a miracle because I get paid for doing what I love

If there's a misconception about your work that you'd like to debunk, what is it?

I think the biggest misconception about my work is that a DILG officer is like superman, you can resolve any problem of the local government unit or at least have the answer to all questions. You are the "go to" of the officials and "shock absorber" and that you can work 24/7 and still not complain. The truth is, we are also human. We have no monopoly of knowledge and we also sometimes complain. We get tired too and we need a break.

If given a chance to choose another job, what would it be and why?

If I am not an LGOO, definitely, I would be teaching because it is one of the most rewarding professions, shaping lives, making families greater, communities better.



Eduard G. Lutao
Local Government Operations Officer

Why do you love your work?

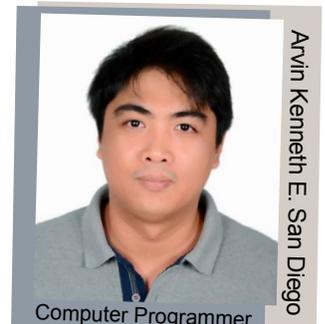
Creating tools and providing services that would enable our colleagues to work more effectively is reward on its own.

If there's a misconception about your work that you'd like to debunk, what is it?

Developing information systems takes time and cannot be done overnight. There are steps to perform to effectively plan and execute the development process.

If given a chance to choose another job, what would it be and why?

I don't have a specific profession in mind though I would like my work to be relevant to someone's success.



Arvin Kenneth E. San Diego
Computer Programmer

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