

Nagkahiusang Kusog sa mga Estudyante



*Celebrate 18 years of service to UP
and the community.*

“Ang aklat ng isang tunay na mag-aaral ay ang lipunang kanyang kinabibilangan. Ang kanyang guro ay ang mamamayan at ang kanyang pagsusulit ay ang pagsasagawa ng isang mapagpalayang pagkilos.”

NKE stands for **Nagkahiusang Kusog sa mga Estudyante**. It is a political party and, at the same time, a mass organization based in UPV Cebu College. Throughout its existence, **NKE** has continually taken on two main duties.

As a political party, **NKE** fights to take the leadership among the students. Guided by its principles, it collectively engages in the local political and electoral arena, and endeavors to maintain its leadership in the Student Council (SC), being the highest legitimate body representative of the students' interests.

Secondly, **NKE** arouses, organizes and mobilizes the broadest number of students so as to keep them informed on the pressing local and national issues that concern their rights and welfare, and to give them a way to forge unity and to act on these matters. As an organization, **NKE** supports the students in the exercise of their democratic rights and lead them to liberation from campus repression.

The Alternative: Changing UPV Cebu College Politics

Previous to the founding of **NKE** in 1987, only one political party existed in UPV Cebu College. The Student Council then was characterized as being dominated by the “party-going” elite elected primarily due to popularity and not for their principles and leadership credentials. With that, the Student Council became ineffective in responding to the students' issues and, at the same time, failed to lead the students in their struggle.

Fired by the desire for change in Student Council governance and the recent triumph of the First People Power, different student organizations in UPVCC led by the LATAGAW Brotherhood, the Political Science Society, and the members of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity founded **NKE** in 1987.

Originally a political party and an alliance of students organizations, **NKE** participated in the 1987 Student Council elections and attained a 13-1 landslide victory. Since then, **NKE** has garnered majority seats in the Student Council except for the year 2003 when the elections took a transition from the usual July schedule to February.

To further uphold and protect the interests of the students, the **NKE** party-alliance recognized itself as a mass organization to effectively lead in the students' struggle for academic freedom and democratic rights.

Principles and Objectives

NKE believes in the NATIONALIST and DEMOCRATIC principles. Furthermore, as Iskolars Ng Bayan, **NKE** believes that we, UP students, have the inherent responsibility toward the UP community and the society to which they are a part of and that the struggle of the students is not isolated from the struggle of the basic masses of our people.

NKE is likewise firm in its objectives to develop critical-minded individuals and enhance their nationalist values, promote and defend students' democratic rights and welfare, and defend and actively promote academic freedom.

Thus, **NKE** adheres to its strong advocacy and active role in the realization of a nationalist, scientific and mass-oriented education. This is a platform of academic and social transformation that addresses the colonial, commercialized and repressive education system.

The Vision of NKE

NKE envisions a nationalist democratic society. Nationalist because NKE believes that we have not fully attained political, economic, and cultural independence. Hence, as Iskolars ng Bayan and catalysts of change, we have the moral obligation to be active participants in the advancement of a genuine political, economic, and cultural development. NKE envisions a Philippine society that is free from any foreign domination and control.

Democratic because **NKE** believes that each individual should be given the opportunity to actively participate in any decision-making that affects us students and Filipinos. Likewise, being in a democratic society, **NKE** believes that the interests and welfare of the majority should always prevail.

NKE strives to make UP education accessible to all students especially those coming from lower income families through comprehensive educational reforms in their high school and elementary training.

Advance the struggle for our **democratic rights and interests!**

Intensify the fight for **greater state subsidy!**

Strengthen our unity with the basic masses!

Serve the People!