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The Narratives of a Forgotten Filipino Conqueror of the Pacific: *A Florentino Das Solo Voyage from Hawaii to the Philippines*

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Local history is essential in the development of people's awareness of their roots, identity and role as citizens of the country. It is very notable that in Philippine Curriculum history courses/subjects started its discussion on what we called "macro history" which means it directly talk about Philippine History in general without discussing first the local history of the people. The onset of the recent innovations that paved way for the K to 12 Curriculum of the Department of Education calls for the reengineering of Araling Panlipunan. In fact, the K to 12 Grade Level Standard for Grade 3 focuses on displaying awareness of the history of the province or region including socio-cultural and economic concepts through a deeper understanding of information of our total national experience and heritage as Filipinos. It is in this perspective that this study would deal on local history focusing on exploring the life and contributions of a forgotten local personality known for his tenacity and uncommon valor. Florentino Das Sr. had the solo voyage from Hawaii to Masayay, Brgy. Alegria, Santa Monica, Surigao del Norte thereby gaining the title of the Filipino conqueror of the Pacific, recipient of the Legion of Honor bestowed by President Ramon Magsaysay and the Honorary Title of Commodore of the Philippine Navy.

Historical-descriptive method is used in the study. Multiple sources are considered; primary sources are taken from interviews (oral history), correspondence, official records, and photographs. The secondary sources come from the book *Florentino Das: Filipino Conqueror of the Pacific Ocean*, newspapers clippings, and feature stories in magazines.

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