

**June 6, 2007 - Direksiyon patungong kalayaan**



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Finally, I have put in print a story I used to tell in the middle of the 1990s before beginning my speeches. I stopped using this after 1998, the centennial of the 1898 declaration of independence. This story is about a person looking for Kalayaan Avenue in Quezon City who, in the end, not only knew where the street is but also became aware of his or her "direction" in life.

I should admit though that the first part of the story I mentioned in [my article](#)'s first paragraph is not original. My younger sister, then a student at the [Ateneo de Manila University](#) (AdMU), told me this story that, if memory serves, came from her group

mate at the Ateneo Glee Club.

Touched by this story whose source remains anonymous as of this writing, I decided to expand it to reflect not just a philosophical discourse on the lack of freedom in this country but also how to attain it.

I think this is a timely article, considering that June 12 is the 109th celebration of our rumored freedom.