Filipino Proper Manners and Etiquette
What is Manners?

In sociology, manners are the unenforced standards of conduct which demonstrate that a person is proper, polite, and refined. They are like laws in that they codify or set a standard for human behavior, but, unlike laws, there is no formal system for punishing transgressions, the main informal "punishment" being social disapproval. A lady is a term frequently used for a woman who follows proper manners; the term gentleman is used as a male counterpart; though these terms are also often used for members of a particular social class.
What is Etiquette?

Etiquette is a code of behavior that delineates expectations for social behavior according to contemporary conventional norms within a society, social class, or group. Rules of etiquette encompass most aspects of social interaction in any society, though the term itself is not commonly used. A rule of etiquette may reflect an underlying ethical code or it may reflect a person's fashion or status. Rules of etiquette are usually unwritten, but aspects of etiquette have been codified from time to time.
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Etiquette

The Blue Book of Social Usage

TO MY READERS

I have completely rewritten this new edition of ETIQUETTE because the problems of modern life demand certain changes in the forms of living. All of the fundamental principles, of course, have been left untouched. I have omitted certain non-essential customs and old-fashioned ideas; and I have added much new material in the hope that this book will continue to be as useful in its many years to come, as the old editions have been in the past.
Social Etiquette

- Filipinos hold gentlemanly etiquette in high regard.
- When attending a funeral, avoid wearing loud colors.
- Filipinos place importance on proper introductions.
- Always acknowledge the presence of older people in the room by shaking their hands.
- Never address older people at the same level.
- When speaking to elders, be respectful in tone and language.
- It is expected that guests are to be lively and take part in the conversation.
- During social gatherings, the elderly are usually greeted first.
- Boisterous or loud talking is generally frowned upon.
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- If someone needs to walk in front of the TV or between two people, he or she must say "Excuse me".
- When one person meets an acquaintance at any form of public transport, he/she must never forget to greet him/her.
- In the Philippines, kissing and displaying affection in public is considered scandalous and in bad taste.
- If you happen to visit a friend, you'll notice that the shoes are left outside or placed in a shoe holder of some kind.
- In gratitude of an invitation to a home or an occasion, Filipinos appreciate guests bringing a fruit basket or any food.
- Some Filipinos simply nod their head once when saying yes instead of saying it.
- A handshake or a smile is the general norm of greeting in Philippines.
Business Etiquette
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- Punctuality is not of the utmost importance in the Philippines, and neither is the concept of an RSVP.
- There may be several minutes of small talk before getting down to business.
- Start out by addressing a new business acquaintance by his or her family name.
- Wait to be told where to sit.
- Filipinos avoid confrontation if possible.
- An integral part of culture and values is hospitality.
- Filipinos observe a wide range of grooming styles.
- Filipinos are basically hygienic.
- Many of the business practices are anchored on the Catholic religion and various ancient superstition.
- When greeting business partners, a firm and brisk handshake is good with a warm smile on your face.
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- For parties, arriving 15-20 minutes late is commonly known as "Filipino time".
- Follow dress codes, and groom yourself.
- Filipinos like to entertain.
- Wherever you travel in the Philippines, you’re sure to come across a turo turo (literally translated as ‘point-point’).
- Do not take the last bit of food from a central serving plate if there is one.
- Toothpicks are often used at the end of the meal.
- The most honored position is at the head of the table.
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- When chancing upon a Filipino eating, he would invite the visitor by inviting him to eat.
- Filipinos may view a dinner.party invitation as just a passing thought.
- Toasts are common in the Philippines, especially at business meetings.
- Usually the one who does the inviting pays the bill, although the guest is expected to make an effort to pay.
- At the end of the meal, you may be given pabaon.
- Hosts will invariably lay out a snack for their visitors.
Gift Giving Etiquette
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- Gift giving is important on many occasions such as weddings and birthdays.
- Once a contract has been signed, prepare to give your new partners a gift of greater value.
- When selecting wrapping paper for a Filipino recipient, you may use any color you wish.
- When invited to a Filipino home, bring a gift of flowers, candy or chocolates.
- At Christmas, you will be expected to give a small, modest gift to practically everyone you encounter in a business context.
- When you receive a gift, follow the Asian custom by not opening it in front of the giver.
- During certain family events, particularly baptisms, it is customary to toss a handful of small coins to any children present.
- At weddings, guests will sometimes use pins to attach money--typically bills in small denominations--to the clothing of the bride and groom.