FILIPINO DEAF CULTURE
What is the Filipino Deaf Culture?

- unique way of life
- evolved from Filipino Deaf communities
- sharing of experiences (personal and collective) as Deaf persons living in a predominantly hearing world
Is there a Filipino Deaf culture?

- Enlightened Filipino Deaf adults and adolescents (with their hearing advocates) believe there is

- No research or study yet

- FSL highlights Filipino Deaf culture
What does this Filipino Deaf culture consist of?

• unique visual language
• common identity and characteristics
• a set of shared values and norms
• world views or perspectives
• Deaf art
• Deaf humor
• folktales
A Glimpse of Filipino Deaf Culture

1. The Filipino Sign Language
2. The Deaf Identity
3. Common Characteristics
The common characteristics of the Filipino Deaf emerged from their set of values and norms.

- Visual and kinesthetic
- Love to spend time chatting
- Person-oriented
- Fond of humor and funny stories
- Very frank or direct to the point
The Typical Filipino Deaf

- Open in expressing themselves (thoughts, feelings, personal stories and experiences)
- Community-oriented
- Deaf time
- “Dressing up”
- “Partying”
Shared Set of Values and Norms

- Mutual support
- Borrowing money from one another
- Tardiness and end-time extension
- Informal and friendly atmosphere
- Gossiping
- Deaf Art
- Deaf humor
Issues and Concerns

1. The Question of Existence

2. The Problem on Acceptance

3. Filipino Deaf Culture or Varied Filipino Cultures?

4. A Need for Research Studies
Thank you! 😊