THE TOOTHPICK STORY

A long time ago, South Korea used wooden toothpicks.

One day, there was an unemployed and disillusioned man who entered a restaurant to observe what the people did after eating.

He found out that the majority of the customers used toothpicks after their meal and left them on their plates.

He also discovered that waiters would normally gather all the leftover food from the plates without even sorting out the used toothpicks.

At the end of the day, someone would pick up all the leftover food with the sharp toothpicks in it and gave it to the animals to eat.

He was shocked to discover that many animals that were given that leftover food died because the toothpicks punctured their sensitive organs like their heart.

When this unemployed man learned of this reality, he went home and began thinking of what he could do about the situation.

Considering that the wooden toothpick could cause death to animals, he resolved to create a safe alternative. He decided to make a soluble toothpick – one that was made from sweet potatoes! Yes, he made toothpick from our lowly, kamote.

In fact, one of my friends commented, “Wow! May toothpick ka na, may dessert ka pa!”

When asked why he came up with this simple invention, the man simply said, “Because I love my country.”

This ordinary, frustrated and unemployed individual’s creation was discovered by the government of South Korea. He was requested to produce billions upon billions of soluble toothpicks to be used in different establishments.

That once jobless person is now a rich man!

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