A GLIMPSE OF REALITY: UNDERSTANDING TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL AND LIVELIHOOD TRACK IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Two years of journey in Senior High School is never easy. All of the students have been wondering what track they will choose. This might be the bridge of their future depending on the track that they will follow. Pursuing one’s dream is a challenge so they should chase and take some steps to have a great start through senior high.

Most students nowadays aim to be a doctor, an engineer, a medical technologist and some other academic-related courses that consume much of effort to finish it. Learning is a lifelong process so everyone should shed time to it. There are two tracks in Senior High: Academic Track and Technical-Vocational and Livelihood Track.

According to the College of Arts and Technology, subjects under TVL track are aligned to the TESDA’s guidelines. This enables a student to be workplace-ready after graduating from Senior High. Furthermore, it also promotes and helps student to have a job right after graduation making sure to have the Certificate of Competency and National Certifications.

Choosing your strand will be another challenge to be able to determine what works best for you. Limay Senior High School offers five strands under TVL track; Electronic Products Assembly and Servicing (EPAS), Electrical Installation and Maintenance (EIM), Home Economics (HI), Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW), and Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
According to the MFI Foundation, taking the EPAS strand will enable students to prepare unit, tools, equipment and workplace for maintenance/repair. It also helps them to diagnose faults of electronically-controlled domestic appliances and the most important is to fully develop their potential skill in this field. The Electrical Installation and Maintenance is part of the TVL track wherein students are trained for analyzing signs, electrical symbols and data, interpretation of technical drawings and plans, maintaining of electric hydraulic tools, installation of electric metallic tubing, wire ways and cable trays, installing telephone terminal cabinet and cable bridge. (MFI Foundation, 2014)

Home Economics (HE) is another strand designed to develop students’ skills useful for livelihood projects at home. Under this strand, there are other specializations including the Food and Beverages, Dress Making, Cookery, Beauty and Care etc. Competent welders are the product of SMAW strand. This strand enables student to learn skills required of a welder, handling equipments properly in welding. The ICT strand is best for students who dream of taking computer science in college. By taking this strand, this will enhance your skills in technical drafting, animation, and programming languages. In fact, you will learn to create such websites.

Education is one of the best gifts that our parents could give to us. This will enable us to continue our life and face all challenges as hard as it can be. Learning is such a long journey so striving even harder is one of the keys. Senior High is just a kickstart to experience the hardships in college. Always keep in mind that learning is fun and we should seek happiness in taking new knowledge.

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