A MODERN TEACHER

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Teachers are individual whose primary duty is to help learners to acquire knowledge, impart competencies, and instil virtue. They are integral part of education in which involves the teaching – learning process inside and outside the four walls of classroom. But how can teachers say that they are effective instrument for their learners’ learning? What teacher qualities do they need to possess to be efficient?

Teacher quality is nevertheless important as they are. It could teachers’ efficiency towards learners’ learning. According to a survey conducted by Pearson on the year 2016, the top five qualities of a great teacher according to learners are:

1. ability to develop relationships with their students;
2. patient, caring, and kind personality;
3. knowledge of learners;
4. dedication to teaching; and
5. engaging students in learning.

Pearson’s survey found out that more than of how much a teacher knew, or even what kinds of teaching methods he or she used, what matters most is the teacher’s dispositions and ability on how to build relationships.
On the other hand, in this 21st century, a period where rapid change and demand takes place, teachers must upgrade themselves to be called as a modern teacher. A modern teacher who could understand and appreciate well today’s kind of learners. To cite, here are the six essential skills and qualities of a modern teacher:

1. Adaptability. Teachers must be flexible and adaptable in digital age.
2. A desire to learn. Learning is a lifelong process. It means teacher-as-student as much as teacher-as-guide.
3. Confidence. Teachers must have it. To have this skill is immeasurable.
4. A knack for teamwork. Teachers need to be able to work in groups. Solving problems together gives assurance to success.
5. An empowering nature. It is a teacher skill that is a gift to others – to empower people in varied ways.
6. A global mindset. Technology is everywhere. Classroom and marketplace are global now so teachers must learn about it.

The world is continuing on the trend change, so the education today goes with it. With these rapid changes, will you let your qualities left behind?

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