ALS-EST ... A KEY TO NEW LIFE

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Alternative Learning System opens a new door for the Out of School Youth and Adult in the communities through the different programs being offered under the supervision of the Department of Education. And the school year 2017-2018 another program under ALS is being implemented which is called as Alternative Learning System - Education and Skills Training (ALS-EST). This program aims to develop learners who are not only equipped with basic academic education but also have acquired technical competencies appropriate for immediate employment.

Since ALS is one of the key priorities of DepEd, the said program is providing wide range of non-formal education programs which involve basic literacy comprising of reading, writing and numeracy and Accreditation and Equivalency instruction covering learning competencies that establish a resilient mean towards completing basic education.

The implementation of the ALS-EST is another breakthrough of the department in order to intensify the capabilities of the learners to adapt with the demands of the various employment wherein the program does not merely concentrated with the basic academic education but with the technical competencies needed for immediate hiring.

Under the ALS-EST, OSY and adult will not only learn basic competencies in education but also will be trained with skills which the learners can apply once they look for job since the program will also provide better opportunities to learn from various skill-related trainings. This means that the learners will undergo trainings sessions and at the same time attend the regular teaching schedules.

The ALS-EST will work closely with the various stakeholders at the community so that relevant trainings will be offered to the learners and shall be according to the needs of the community where the learners will seek job after finishing the ALS program. This will make every ALS learner not only functionally literate but at the same time a productive citizen who is ready to cope up with the fast changing world.
This new program under Alternative Learning System opens new venue for the OSY and adults to face the reality arm with knowledge and skills to join the working forces or even becoming entrepreneurs after passing all the assessments administer by the DepEd, TESDA and other agencies. Thus ALS-EST is a new door of opportunities to have a better and new life for every OSY and adults.

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