English has been widely spoken throughout the Philippines. As the language being one of the official languages of the country, it is exclusively practiced in business, education, and government. Thus, making it a crucial skill of every Filipino professional seeking or working a job either locally or internationally.

In general, Filipinos are globally identified to be good speakers of the English language. To date, Philippines is the third largest English speaking nation in the world with a total population of 70,371,000 English speakers, almost 64% of the eligible population of the country. Given that the Philippines was once under the American colonization from 1898 to 1946 where 800,000 Americans were born in the country, it has stemmed a great influence to its language. Heretofore, many Filipinos sound like a real NES (Native English Speaker) when they converse. They have also been complimented because of their clear American accent.

Moreover, in Philippine educational system, the English subject is taught earliest in preschool and continues to tertiary level. It aims to hone every Filipino to be universally competent in the English language. As a result, many Filipino professionals are able to communicate effectively using English as their mode.

Hundreds of international teaching jobs are within reach to many Filipino teachers who are both capable of conversing and writing in English. Recruitment agencies are posting in on line websites such as JobStreet and Work Abroad, offering a lot of teaching jobs in different subject areas namely Mathematics, Science, Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health, Information Technology, Geography, History, and English. These subjects are all different from one another but in mode of communication, that is, the English language.
Philippines has become a big source of teachers. A great number of them have given opportunity to teach abroad. Not only because of their competence in their own subject area but also their ability to communicate in English. Such nations as China, Japan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar are just a few that hire Filipino educators. Since teaching outside the country is considered as an international job, the standard is quite high. Some may require another teaching or English proficiency certificate other than the teaching license issued by the PRC (Professional Regulation Commission). For English teachers, teaching certificates like TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) or TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) are sometimes a mandatory requirement to teach English abroad. On the other hand for non-English teachers, English proficiency certificates that supports their communication skills such as ELPT (English Language Proficiency Test) or TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language).

Filipino teachers are all over the world. They have been acknowledged and praised for their aptitude in teaching by means of English language. Their adaptability, competence, credential, and passion are just some of the major traits that have led them to be international educators.

The question to every Filipino teacher who desires to level up their career, are you equipped internationally?

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