EVOLVING LEARNERS, ADAPTING TEACHERS

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Teaching is one of the noblest profession at all time. 21st century learners who live in the information explosion era would not be just satisfied in a copied PowerPoint presentation nor a classroom of the 1900th. Diverse method for different learners may fit to few but not to all.

Today’s learners our tomorrow’s leaders must be develop holistically. Our teachers must be equip properly and train in the changing and ever fast evolving learners of today.

The teacher only discussion nor the lecture discussion method might not fit for our new clientele. The new wine must be place in new wineskin. Evolution on the usual visual aid must be employed to catch up our learners attentions. Gadget and new technology apps that are not available on our time as a student are just a common thing on our learners.

Prohibition of mobile phones for learners’ consumption might be use as tool for student learning. Classes might be carried out not only through the walled classroom it may also done through virtual world.

The 19th century classroom and the 21st classroom has a lot of similarities phenotypically but learners today are more open to new horizon of learning, they are capable of creating their own society via tweeter, Facebook and the likes. Information will never be limited on what the teachers said, they had questions and analysis based on other sources of information, the World Wide Web. Inspite of vast sources of
knowledge in the present day schooling, liberated information is also available elsewhere. The role of 21st century teachers were no longer directive but guidance.

Moving on the edge of technology, learning become limitless, and teachers must not be confined in the learners acquired 10 years ago and taught repeatedly for the next 5 or more years. No teachers must be left behind in technology, or else become obsolete and irrelevant to present day teaching methods and techniques. To become adaptive to our E-gens, we must continually seek professional development if not yearly at least biennially.

Even we grow as tall as the fine trees in skills and technique, let us not forget what we are here in this profession that is our duty to mold the mind of our young, the future of our own country, the savior of this nation. We, teachers are the frontliners in this war against ignorance, the hope for our country.

Learners evolve, so as the teachers must go with the positive changes. Teachers must be adaptive to internationally known standard for teachers rather than being confined on what we had learned when we are young, it becomes irrelevant on today’s society.

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