FEATURING A VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

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Now that we are in the 21st century, it is not surprising that innovations and advancements may exist most especially in the field of education in order to further enhance and enrich the quality of teaching-learning process thus achieving excellence in schools.

Virtual classroom is one of the most current innovations that the schoolchildren or learners may avail and enjoy as they search and seek for knowledge, skills, aptitude, tenets or notions in the different branches of studies.

Virtual classroom is also known as a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). It is an instructional environment wherein the teaching-learning process takes place. The participants may enjoyably communicate, interact, view and discuss various electronic presentations of subject matters and to indulge with learning resources or devices in groups in an online setting.

The means or medium in virtual classroom is video conferencing application wherein multiple users are connected and allowed to participate at the same time using the Internet which lets the users to virtually join and participate actively in learning. Thus, virtual classroom is an online classroom environment aided through specific video conferencing process or application.

In the unsupervised virtual classroom, it involves multiple teachers and students. However, the group of students does not always need teachers to supervise them. The
student-participants read and watch Power Point presentation or video tutorials as in the YouTube proceeding at their own pace with the teacher around only to evaluate them.

Another type of virtual classroom is the supervised or instructor-led classroom. It follows the traditional classroom setting. There is one active teacher or instructor to present the lesson or subject matter with the student-participants being present virtually through a video conferencing application at specific time and date wherein they interact dynamically in the group.

Virtual classroom is advantageous for its access is worldwide and it is very interactive for it stimulates each student to actively engage in the class or group with full attention and participation.

Virtual classroom or Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) is indeed technologically equipped, collaborative in approach, very affordable in cost, flexible in nature, very practical in sense and accessible in reach.

It is about time that we need to embrace virtual classroom in the Philippine schools for educational clientele to feel this innovation in the teaching-learning process that would be vital in enjoying interactive learning.

Virtual Learning Environment is here to invigorate the students’ learning! Yes it is!

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