FILIPINOS AIMING HIGH

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Filipinos are competitive and versatile. That’s what we are well-known for. When it comes to international industry, we may not notice. The Filipinos are quite in demand but there are times when education hinders that opportunities from us. Some are lacking in skills, and some are lacking in degree.

Right now, our Education system is undergoing a major overhaul. The government is implementing the K-12 program. K-12 adds two more years to our ten-year curriculum, which makes it a twelve-year Education program. This change to Domestic Education policy has its long term effects. The goal of the curriculum is to provide the Filipino students enough time for the skills they have chosen so that they’ll be ready for the tertiary level, or they will be ready to work even if they are just on the Undergraduate level. Incoming senior high school (SHS) students only have to choose their track based on their interest and skills and they would be better prepared for whichever exit point they plan on pursuing after high school—go to college, develop more skills, start a business, or get employed.

Senior High School is a two-year Specialized Upper Secondary Education which aimed at preparing the students for higher education, and entrepreneurship or joining the workforce right after high school. Students may choose a specialization based on their interests, abilities and the school capacity. That decision alone will define the subjects that they will take in the Senior High. All in all, the enhanced K-12 curriculum is designed to provide a holistic education for all. Now decongested, it will give students ample time to master basic academic skills as well as to participate in co-curricular and community activities.
Change is never easy, especially when it is about a big undertaking such as the implementation of the new K-12 curriculum guide in the Philippines. It is high time, however, that we join the rest of the world and improve the quality of our basic education system and our graduates. Our Education system still has a lot of years to go, years to improve and years to master. But one thing is for sure: Our Education system is heading up.

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