FLEXIBLE LEARNING: NEW EDUCATIONAL SET UP
DURING COVID-19
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On December 2019, one of the scariest infectious diseases was born in Wuhan, China and spread exponentially all over the world. As described, it is “unexpected” not until it reaches the other countries, and governments started to take an action due to its uninterrupted transmission. The World Health Organization (WHO) named it Covid-19 caused by its severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, and declared it as a pandemic on the 11th day of March. It has truly brought adversity on the lives of people, specifically on the educational setting where thorough adjustment is needed for the students to go along with the “new normal”.

It has been a year already when lockdowns are announced in different parts of the world. Along with this is the implementation of flexible learning—the current educational set up specifically in the Philippines wherein parents are homeschooling their children. According to Commission on Higher Education, while traditional modalities of teaching are not practical, such as in the event of a national emergency, flexible learning is the best alternative to the normal educational system since it still guarantees the inclusive and accessible education for the Filipino students.

Flexible learning has three modes. First is the online—learning is based on digital format where there are online classrooms available to cater instructions and teaching, and student’s way of submitting their requirements. Second is the offline—internet connection is not a necessity since printed materials such as modules are provided already. And lastly, the blended—combination of
online and offline learning method where lessons will be delivered via online technology, while other classroom activities will be completed utilizing printed modules, video clips, storage devices, and learning packages.

Issues regarding difficulty in the new educational set up are undeniable. That being said, options are listed and everyone has the opportunity to choose what’s best for them. It’s just a matter of making adjustments to go along with the new set up that somehow requires understanding that pandemic shouldn’t be a hindrance to have that quality education. Knowing how resilient Filipinos are, a pandemic like this isn’t something that will stop them from craving success.

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