IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Nothing stays the same as change is the only constant thing in this world. Clothes, gadgets, food preferences and even attitudes change. What is best yesterday, may not be best today. Therefore, progress must be done to keep up with the changing times.

Education, particularly, is very dynamic. New philosophies, new strategies are almost always updated and created. Teachers find themselves enrolled in Graduate Schools nowadays. Most, if not some, would definitely say that they are in because of the Continuous Professional Development that requires some units in order to renew their licenses. But besides these CPD Units clamor, let us take a look at some reasons Continuing Education must be pursued.

Continuing education is still knowledge gain. It develops a wider view of what and how life is. Certainly, teachers are lifelong learners who must keep information abreast to stay current with the latest developments and skills now that global competitiveness is advocated. It enhances confidence, efficiency and effectiveness especially in dealing with the 21st Century learners. Graduate or Post-Graduate studies are opportunities for expanding and improving the range of being a traditional teacher to a modern one.

Many will say that pursuing education after being employed is a waste of time and money. After all, there is already a monthly salary to put food on the table and to pay for living expenses. These are short-term. Continuing education is not only a professional growth but the start of a greater progress in life. It increases qualifications and eventually income. It opens a door for a better life for one’s family. It gains more respect from peers and coworkers. It can secure one’s future.
Further pursued studies will also have an effect on society. Since it can create wider social relations, it can be an opportunity to help other people by sharing knowledge and/or unification of interest. While one progresses, the more he/she can give to be able to make a change for/in the community.

Remember that Continuing Studies may take time and money but it’s worth it. One must only have the discipline, patience and diligence. As more and more competitiveness arises, educational qualification also gets higher. One of the ways one can reward him/herself is through education.

“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.”

-Koffi Annan

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