LEADERS OF GLOBAL COMPETENCE

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Robert Frost once uttered that “I am not a teacher, but an awakener.” This astonishing line is paralleled to the modern role that every teacher must assume which is to awaken the mind and spirit of every Filipino learner to be globally competent.

The 21st century teacher most especially in the current K to 12 Program does only deal with the regular classroom lessons but with various global concerns which will redefine man’s learning. The teacher should lead the students in creating global competence.

International awareness. The teacher is instrumental in developing international awareness among students. These learners should be able to understand that the countries in the world may have direct and indirect influences and effects in our lives. Further, knowing different people’s concerns, problems and sentiments from different nations may widen your understanding of life.

Knowledge in cultural diversity. Knowing and appreciating the varied cultures of the different countries is a part of global competence. Having a grasp of the lifestyles, customs and traditions of different places may add up to your educational endeavor. The books and readings are the means in determining their culture and teachers are ones sharing these very interesting lessons to the students.

Proficiency in Language. Being a proficient in language is the means to global understanding. If people speak with the language that everyone understands then realization of a better world is possible. That is why the school develops and enhances
the language capability of learners. Thus, proficiency in language is not only the indication of ability to express but also the means to understand the world.

**Innovative Skills.** The teachers are known for being creative and dynamic. With this, they educate the schoolchildren in discovery and development of new concepts and ideas which will be the occurrence of breakthrough in the field of education and even in the world. The teachers are giving the students the opportunity to think critically and soar higher to better achievements in terms of innovation.

**International Linkages.** The existence of Internet paved the way for easy access. Due to this, the creation of international linkages may be possible. The students are being taught to connect around the global and to deal with worthwhile transactions. Having linkages with the people in the world is an indication of global competence.

**Work Ethics.** Having acquainted with work ethics can transform an individual to be globally competitive. The right attitudes and behaviors in job and in the real workplace are being taught first in the school.

Apparently, teachers are the catalysts of change in their respective stations and they are developing global competence among their students. Thus, they are the leaders of global competence.

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