LITERACY NEVER STOPS

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Education, both a product and foundation of innovations, has changed humanity since the start of civilizations up to this day. It all started with the letters of the alphabet, then developing into words and gradually transforming into a full-length text. Learning is a continuous experience in a person’s life. It doesn’t end with simply being able to read and write. Since the world doesn’t only need a citizen who is literate, but also a citizen competent enough to analyze and solve problems with all the information he or she acquired. Education shapes a person to understand a concept and to be capable of using this understanding to create solutions as a contribution to the society.

Information literacy, as stated by Skyline College (2020), is the capacity of a student to search, understand, utilize and share information in various ways. It is a fusion of soft skills such as communication, critical thinking and research skills which are not just essential in education but also in different career fields. Information literacy extends beyond the technical ability to read and write, but it is the true reflection of knowledge itself (Shapiro & Hughes, 1996). Knowledge isn’t just a mere idea that should be memorized, rather, its main purpose is to be applied in everyday life.

Education continue to fulfil its purpose of transforming lives of individuals. A teacher, as an administrator of education, should promote that exams aren’t the measure of understanding, but real life applications are. In particular, our education system elevates performance tasks especially in MAPEH and EPP subjects as the tests of students’ knowledge about the lessons. As educators, it is our role to enlighten the children about the real definition of education. It doesn’t end after being familiar with a few words or
being able to pass the exam. It extends and expands to uplift an individual to become holistically ready to face the world.

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