OBE IN THE PHILIPPINES: A NEW APPROACH TO LEARNING

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Outcomes-Based Education (OBE) is a system of education where students are assessed not just how well they remember the lessons. They are assessed more specifically by what skills and competencies (outcomes) they have acquired which are expected of them at the end of the learning session.

In contrast to traditional education, OBE does not stop at the output of the students after the input of knowledge. It further continues to the outcome of the learning process which is translated as the students’ performance that are concretely measurable.

For example, the students at the end of a learning module in English grammar are not just expected how well they have memorized or how familiar they are with the conjugation of verbs and the different kinds of tenses. Their skills and performances will be measured how well they would be able to communicate in English both, in writing and in speaking.

In the Philippines, OBE is slowly finding its way in the system of learning and educating students, replacing the traditional system. The Business Mirror cited Dr. William Shady pointing to OBE as the conveyor of change on what the students learn in school, how the teachers think and how excellence and success are measured.

The objective of which is to produce more college graduates later on, who will not just pass licensure exams, but more graduates who will have jobs who are in line with the course they took in college.
With the advent of K12 in Philippines grade schools, students are now equipped with two more years before a higher education that will shape up their future careers. This paves the way for the students to have more practical application of their knowledge starting from grade school and with deeper continuity thru OBE in college.

This transformation of the education method is the country’s coping system with the fast-paced and innovation-driven society that we are now. It is the country’s way of dealing with the demands for quality education that is in tune with the industries available in our society.

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