PHILIPPINE EDUCATION ON CURRICULUM REFORMS

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Philippines joined for the first time in the 2018 Programme for the International Student Assessment (PISA). With an average score of 340 in Reading, 353 in Science and 357 in Mathematics, the country ranked last among 79 countries in the global survey done by Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) by assessing 15-year old students.

According to Education Secretary Leonor Briones, the major factor of this result is the learning environment wherein every year, classrooms and other learning equipment are damaged. Correspondingly, the report indicated that the country is only spending 3.9 percent whereas failed to reach the minimum standard percent of GDP spent for education. The Philippine government should spend at least six percent of the GDP on education as recommended by the United Nations.

Indeed, we are facing a lot of difficulties in terms of education. Sad, but the truth has come out that we are at the bottom of the barrel in terms of education. What’s going on with our education, too much emphasis on competition and politics? What could the government do to upgrade the quality of education in the Philippines? On my standpoint, a curriculum reform is much needed. We need to analyze and focus on the substance and not on the embellishments. A far-reaching overhaul is essential on every aspect of education. By updating the K-12 Curriculum, improving the physical facilities of schools including laboratories and computers, training teachers and school heads and getting involvement of significant people in the community will surely provide quality education.
There are so many things to consider in updating the educational system. Like, too much competencies, too much subjects, too much school activities, lack of facilities, unclear educational policies, teacher-student ratio, finances and less contact with the students because of too much paper works and other related task. The Department of Education (DepEd) is now pivoting to quality education and the government will support through allocating higher budget on the next school year.

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