SKILLED ICT TEACHER: AN EDGE IN THE WORLD OF EDUCATORS AMIDST THE PANDEMIC

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Nowadays, the world is facing one the hardest problems of life – Covid-19 pandemic. It is vital for us to stay at home for us to get rid of this so called “Invisible Monster”. In education, the students and teachers weren’t able to continue their interactions in learning and discovering new things because of the fear and anxiety that this virus brought us.

Since we teachers are tasked to keep teaching and learning to continue, the questions is, how are we going to do it during this time? Do we still need to do something for the sake of our learners? Or are we going to stay stagnant and feel safe for our families?

According to The ASEAN Post, both CHED and DepEd believe that learning must continue even amid a pandemic (Malindog-Uy, 2020). At present, no face-to-face classes are allowed in our country. The Department of Health (DOH) is not yet recommending it since most areas of the country still have active cases of COVID-19. Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is still firm to not allow “face-to-face” class sessions since the start of school year 2020, but there is a possibility that limited face-to-face classes will be piloted provided that the minimum public health standards will be observed.

On the other hand, education is one of the key factors that mold our learners or even the other people who don’t have the privilege to study due to financial difficulties, to become what they want to be in the future and to be able to reach their dreams and goals in life. It reminds us that everything is possible if we finished college and find a permanent job that will uplift our families from the nightmare of poverty. But how can we assure that education is still relevant in today’s situation? What are the things that we
are going to consider in order for us to balance the problem about the pandemic and the education system in the Philippines?

Furthermore, there are some ways to continue the educational stability for the teachers to instill knowledge to our learners and to inspire them to move forward despite the pandemic. This might sound boastful to some people but being an Information Technology (IT) enthusiast or a skilled Information and Communications Technology (ICT) teacher is very vital today not only in some factors of education. This is indeed essential now, more than ever, because of the pandemic.

Having knowledge in manipulating software like Zoom, Google Meet, and other online platforms is significant in our current status especially that we are in the middle of the chaos. Teachers who are more knowledgeable and equipped in sustaining IT matters can make a big difference and can move mountains to touch our learners’ lives and at the same time help our world to heal and to go back to its normal setting. These might be trying times, but with our faith and strong will to move forward, anything and everything is possible. Our resiliency is being challenged, but remember we are teachers. And with technology, we can deal with the education crisis.

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