TECH-VOC STUDENTS AS VICTORS

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Mr. Patty Thomas, director of career and technical education for Alcoa, Tennessee’s school district stressed that at absolute minimum, every young person ought to begin exploring careers. True it is that at a young age, high school students must be exposed to exploring possible careers without sacrificing a traditional academic high school experience; thus, the technical-vocational high school comes in where students may then benefit from gaining hands-on career experiences during high school.

However, it has been noticed that the academic and the vocational schools are being clashed together and sometimes considered them as rivals to each other, where academic high school is regarded as a default path while vocational high schools as an inexpedient choice.

High school technical-vocational education can be a preparatory tool that provides hands-on experience in a real work environment. Skills learned can offer long-term benefits as students learn to adapt to new situations and develop necessary problem-solving skills. Work ethics, communication and social skills, high self-esteem and confidence, and other life skills developed here are important in the transition after high school. A positive learning environment including good time management is also evident in a technical-vocational school. These skills will definitely prepare students for the work force and increase the opportunity to access job sooner or later.
Presently, we are pleased on how the Department of Education is changing others’ perspective; hence, considering tech-voc as a very promising opportunity as technical-vocational school trainings provide a link between education and the working world. Students here typically receive more hands-on and career-minded education since vocational education primarily focuses on practical applications of skills learned. Indeed it is very important to recognize that in today’s economy, vocational jobs are becoming more and more significant and in-demand. Soon, technical-vocational education will be established just like how historically prevalent it has been in European countries, such as Finland and Germany. Technical-vocational education is an area where we see a push in the future. In a tech-voc school, students are exposed and ready. They are victors!

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