TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL-LIVELIHOOD TRACK AS AN AVENUE FOR EARLY EMPLOYMENT

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As brought by the K-12 program, the Department of Education (DepEd) provided different tracks in Senior High School Program in able to prepare the students in college and in their future careers. One of the tracks offered is the Technical-Vocational-Livelihood (TVL) track which equip the students with job-ready skills. TVL consists of Information and Communication Technology, Agri-Fishery, Industrial Arts and Home Economics.

According to Raymond Michael Gayatin (2018), TVL track is the most popular option for the students due to many reasons. One of these is the early employment because "most of the skills offered are highly marketable outside the country with very high salary". Since it is more focused on skills training, the students who are taking this track are more equipped with different skills at an early age.

Further, TVL track is a more convenient choice because this is offered in public schools. It is also a better option to be hired in a job faster since the demand of the market today is having skilled workers for a quality work force. After the students graduated under this program, there is a bigger chance of being hired even though they did not finish college because in TVL track, teachers provide them hands-on experiences which prepare them in their future jobs.

As was also written on the published article in the website of Edukasyon.ph, "this track also invests primarily on skills that can gain you requisite COCs (Certificates of Competency) and NCs (National Certifications)." National certificates can be acquired in accordance with the standards and guidelines provided by DepEd and TESDA, a government agency which provides skills training and national certificates for those who performed well during trainings and actual presentation.
These certifications can also be used not only in the Philippines but also in abroad. This is the reason why most of the students who took TVL track also enrolled themselves in TESDA because they can use the certifications in applying for a job, and these will serve as proofs that they are ready to be part of the work force even at a young age. Having these certifications could also put them in a great advantage than others who do not have theirs.

Even though those students who took TVL track did not pursue their studies in college, there is still a possibility that they will be hired in jobs related with their track since they were trained in different skills. On the other hand, if ever they still want to have a bachelor’s degree, it would be a huge plus for them because they already had a good practice during senior high school.

There must be no stereotyping that because other were not able to finish college, there would be no bright future that awaits them. Through TVL track, anyone could have an average to high salary rate. It is not the bachelor's degree diploma that would serve as the passport for them to have a stable future. What they need to invest are determination and perseverance that would lead them to their dream jobs, aligned with their track.

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