TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION IN CLASSROOM TEACHING: ADVANTAGE AND DISADVANTAGE

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Today’s education was revolutionized through the advent of modern technology and technology integration in classroom teaching is the new trend. These trends in education somehow questioned by group of teachers who find it as a burden and a saviour for teachers who find it very useful.

One of the major concerning group of teachers in using of technology were the late aged teachers. They say that they are old enough to learn things about computers and rather they will teach their students the way they used too. Somehow they managed to make a proud graduates through the use of the same method. And what things they can make out of it if they learn it, they are on their retiring age and they can ask their students or children to work things on computer for them. These ideas are what you were going to hear when you are dealing with this group of teachers. And I totally disagree when this group of teachers say that they cannot learn it due to their age, because I know a lot of teachers on their late age but able to learn the use of technology and able to use more complicated application integrated in their lessons, like use of e-learning and social media website to monitor students’ progress and performances. I also believe that learning technology does not concern the age or the want to learn it because it is a need for every teachers to be equipped of today’s trend. Teachers who can teach student what is trending is like equipping them the necessary armour or skills when they go out in the battlefield. This group of teachers can be slow but they can learn it little by little. They will have a lot of question but it is natural.
The other group of teachers doesn’t concern on this matter except for those who are not interested but somehow forced to learn and implement due to the need and as part of the work. These are the teachers that see the advantages of using technology but somehow discouraged due to the disadvantages of using it. And what are those, let me state you some and the most common:

Advantages of Using Technology in Classroom Teaching

- Teachers’ preparation of learning materials were very easy and convenient. Error can easily edited once encounter.
- It makes the presentation clearer and understandable to students. It is easy to present a picture and video to the class.
- Access on resources were available online. Teacher can show real samples of topics.
- Student access to equipment can teach them how to use it.

Disadvantages of Using Technology in Classroom Teaching

- Preparation of equipment takes a lot of time (5 to 10 minutes)
- Blackout and power shortage may affect the delivery of lesson.
- Students were tend not to listen to teacher’s instruction when facing in the computer this always happens during ICT classes. Classes who use tablet experience the same concern.
Technology integration in the classroom has its advantages and disadvantages and it’s the same us using our mobile phones, televisions or cars. Sometimes we just look on the convenience in using it because it helps us a lot. Sometimes we just disregard the consequences of using it because we can make a resolution of those disadvantages. Like integrating technology in classroom teaching those disadvantages may resolve by teachers knowledge, resourcefulness, creativity, talent and skills. Technology integration is not something that you can easily adapt, there are things to consider. On my next article I will guide you and give some suggestions on how to effectively integrate technology on teacher’s classroom.

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