THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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It is evident that education plays an important role in the national development. With the kind of situation the world is in, especially nowadays, our country extensively needs to understand all factors affecting the status of our economy.

Producing well-equipped professionals is one way to help in the national development. These professionals continuously develop their knowledge and skills by constantly seeking professional growth in different forms; some takes graduate degrees, some enhances their skills, and others explore different endeavors.

In 2016, the basic education system in the Philippines started implementing the K-12 Program to align with the international standards. This in in connection with the Republic Act 10533 (R.A. 10533), also known as the “Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013.” This act focuses on the enhancement of basic education curriculum which in return, increases the number of years a student spent in the basic education program with two additional years. The K-12 Program provides sets of skills and competencies that help students develop high-level capabilities and professional thinking. Hence, this program gives every student to more opportunities in exploring their knowledge and skills.

For instance, the Academic Track concentrates on nurturing the students the competencies they need as they enter college life and take the challenges to be in the endeavors they want. Also, the Technical – Vocational – Livelihood (TVL) Track strengthens the skills the students’ need to become globally competitive in the different fields on Skills Industry.
The State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in our country already adopts the Outcome-Based Education some few years back. That is, students need to show a certain level of performance or achievement of their learning in each course. The students need to exhibit a significant improvement in his or her knowledge, skills, attitude, and behavior as course requirements. By exhibiting the said requirements, the SUCs can proudly claim that they produce globally competitive professionals.

In addition to K-12 Program and OBE (Outcomes-Based Education), some professional organizations are providing seminars and workshops for professionals who intend to further enhance their knowledge and skills. More so, they help in instilling social responsibilities and values to professionals.

The Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountant (PICPA), for instance, conducts an annual convention in different places in our country. Their annual conventions do not only concentrate in educating their members with international accounting standards, but also engage in different activities such as but not limited to tree planting, visiting, and providing needs to nursery home for children and elders, and providing medical and dental needs to less privileged.

The role of education in the national development does not stop in producing globally competitive professionals, it extends up to engaging in activities or programs which help in improving our country in all aspects.

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