TRANSFORMING THE WORLD OF TEACHING

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As times go by, technology brings transformation to the world of teaching. It gradually contrives the way teacher does instruction and evolves the teaching environment. The changes that take place have brought advantages to many facets of teaching-learning process. Technology enables teachers to create a conducive atmosphere that stimulates both visual and auditory senses of the pupils. Thus, it helps them easily visualize and understand the lesson. It also serves as a strong motivation that it catches the interest of the learners to keep their ears and eyes during the discussion. Moreover, technology enables the teacher to facilitate the teaching-learning process because pupils can easily adapt to activities being provided to them.

On the other hand, technology poses lots of challenges to the noblest profession. Just as these days teaching demands for information and communication technology integration, young teachers easily acclimate but the old ones are left hanging to their crafts. They seem to defy the changes may be due to they are used to with the strategies and instructional materials which they have been using for so many years. They believe these are still as effective as they were before. Another concern is the provision of the very costly equipment like computers, projectors, and television and internet connection. The government has continuously provided the schools nationwide but cannot do this all at once. The training in using this equipment and their maintenance are additional things to consider. Moreover, aside from teaching, clerical tasks of teachers have become denser.

In every endeavor, struggles cannot be avoided. The best thing we can do is to surpass them by finding the solution. Just like what our former Education Secretary Jesli Lapus said that more than the limited resources, the resistance to change is the main
obstacle in taking full advantage of technology in Philippine education. “Our fear for change prevents us from moving forward. It limits us to the same solutions—solutions that have not given us the desired output we so desperately need at this critical hour,” Lapus noted.

Everyone should face what the world has to offer. In the world of teaching, our main goal is to improve the quality of education. If technology is set to transform how teaching should be done, therefore it is the responsibility of the teachers to adapt with the changes. What they should do is to combine or match this with the appropriate teaching technique or strategy to fully utilize its potential in upgrading the delivery of quality education across the country.

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