WHY IS LEARNING TLE RELEVANT?

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In all the subjects offered in school, particularly in High school, Technology and Livelihood Education is one of the ones pushed aside most of the time. Since it is not part of the subject powerhouse or the major academic subjects: Science, Mathematics, English, and Filipino, the TLE subject is sometimes put into a less regard by students. However, unknown to them, TLE is an integral part of the curriculum. It wouldn’t be there otherwise. TLE is a subject which prepares the students become an accountable part of the society and workforce. It is also important in aiding students in deciding their career paths. The skills that are included in the TLE curriculum are helpful for students in entering industries beyond the school setting.

Today, skill trainings are given more emphasis, most especially in the new Senior High school curriculum. The Technical Vocational Strand of the Senior High Curriculum gives focus on several skills training which students can apply in entering certain industries in occasion that students decide that they will not pursue academic path after Senior High School. These strands go in-depth with each particular skill through their partnership with TESDA, the students are ensured to be well equipped and ready for their particular industry of choice.

From the beginning, in the Elementary stage, the education system slowly introduces basic skills to young students, from simple domestic tasks as cooking and housekeeping in Home economics class to industrial skills like carpentry and sewing. These skills are levelled up in the secondary years as there are already elective classes like Drafting, Electronics, Cookery, and with the coming of more advanced technology, also
comes subject like ICT. In these subjects, students are given the experience of using tools and materials which are still fortified by theoretical based knowledge.

In the millennial age, the use of technology has become more and more relevant. By using innovative interventions in doing tasks, these improve the productivity and efficiency of work. Moreover, they serve as a preparatory for further academic pursuit depending on the students’ industry of choice.

But in cases wherein the students choose a more advanced academic career, i.e. professional careers, these skills are also useful for them in day to day mundane chores. In this age, there is no such thing as a “girl” task. Gender stereotypes when it comes to tasks should no longer be momentous, men and women alike should be capable of basic meal preparation and housekeeping. TLE can bridge the gender bias gaps in terms of education. It is a mandatory subject that does not discriminate.

TLE also provides dexterity which can be used for business endeavours. Simple business and livelihood adroitness that can help acclimatize the students in the ins and outs of building and sustaining profitable commerce.

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