WHY ORGANIZED TRAINING IS IMPORTANT TO WELDING

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There was no organized training for welding programs in the early years. People learn the skill by going to welding shops or shipyards. Only few schools, government-funded training institutions, and private training centers provide welding programs. There were no clear guidelines readily available during those years. Thus, welding programs were not that sturdy and scammers even use it to take advantage of those who want to learn.

Eventually, with the help of welding organizations such as the American Welding Society, guidelines were, little by little, created and implemented. This gave birth to a more organized welding program available to welding students.

In the Philippines, one of the most obliged organization is TESDA. It provides guided training skills to welding students. In the birth of the Senior High School Program as part of the K-12, SMAW or Shielded Metal Arc Welding was offered to Senior High School students. Compared to the short courses in TESDA, those who enrolled in the SMAW Specialization were also provided with other learning subjects. Thus, the students were not only taught of the welding skills they need but they are also equipped with skills and learnings they need should they ops to pursue a university degree or build up their own business. Such skills include entrepreneurship, math and science skills, writing, reading, and comprehension skills, research skills, among others.

During the initial year of K-12, some students and their parents were a bit surprised to learn that there are still other subjects incorporated to the SMAW program. Others were hesitant, repulsive, and uninterested. These attitudes caused some
discomforts for teachers. However, the Department of Education continue to equip these teachers to become more effective in handling such situations. Eventually, students and their parents were able to grasp the holistic approach to the welding program. They slowly understood that while welding skills are the most important they could learn, they also came to appreciate that the other crucial subjects will prepare them to be more globally competitive and equipped in the future.

Thus, organized welding programs can spell a huge difference in the skill and professional level of students. The better they are prepared, they higher chances they have to obtain a higher degree, land a great opportunity, and even own a more productive enterprise in the field of welding.

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