

## PHILIPPINES TO ADOPT A K+12 EDUCATION SYSTEM



It is not a hidden fact that Philippines has a drastic problem in its educational system. With insufficiencies including lack of schools, equipment, books and skilled teachers aggravated with its flawed curriculum, the Filipino youth is left in a scenario where instruction is inevitably substandard and half-cooked.

Now, the current administration is planning a K+12 cycle to hopefully aid this problem. Will it do more good than bad?

As a professional teacher, I for myself have gotten a glimpse of the Philippine educative process when I was having my Internship in the public school. I could really conclude that there is a recurrent problem in the public school that has to be addressed if we want to produce productive and responsible citizenry.

With this new plan of the administration, I must say that we have to give it a chance to do its task – improve the current educative system. I know that many educators, parents and even students themselves are extremely apprehensive about this scheme. However, we must venture on something new so we can at least improve our educational system.

I believe that this plan will arm our students by equipping them with the relevant skills that will make them hireable even before they proceed to college. Others refuted this argument since most parents want to have college graduates and such plan will only delay their children to being hired for a job. I strongly disagree on this. What is the use of graduating in college if the graduates themselves have a mismatch with their skill and the job they are applying for? This is the major reason why college graduates remain unemployed. Speaking of delay, I call it a waste of time graduating from a course that will not make you hireable. With this scheme, technical-vocational courses like; music, arts and entrepreneurship will be made available to the students so they can be hired to companies which happen to be looking for nowadays.

While others are arguing that the government must focus on improving the current issues in the educational system, I believe that this step is already a means leading to the solution of our deteriorating educational system. I don't think the Department of Education (DepEd) will easily drop the other issues and focus on implementing the K+12 scheme.

Regardless of the future results of this plan, I am still hoping that teachers, who are the front liners in educating the youth, must continue their passion in giving relevant and essential education to produce productive and responsible citizenry who will become catalysts of our dying economy.