

DIY EDUCATION

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Like almost anything, our educational system in the Philippines is continuously evolving. From traditional classrooms, learning was moved from the classroom to the comfort of the students' homes through an online set-up or via modular instruction.

Having parents as learning facilitators is nothing new in the history of education especially in the urban areas. This is particularly true for those wealthy families who can afford to homeschool their children instead of sending them to schools those kids usually find restricting.

Currently, because of the scarcity of resources, most learners chose modular instruction over online distance learning to continue their education despite the threats of the pandemic. Through modular instruction, students are expected to be guided by their parents or relatives who are capable to do so.

However, several factors affect the home learning facilitators' capability to help their children. Most of them have full-time jobs and can't spare time for tutorials. There are also others who even if they have time to teach their kids simply don't have enough educational expertise on various subjects.

Due to these causes, affected learners are left with no options but to learn by themselves like having a do-it-yourself project. They have to read their self-learning modules and understand each context on their own. Although they can always reach out to their teachers for guidance, they still have to do most of the work.

The experience of being self-taught may have drawbacks and can thus be exhausting but at the same time beneficial in a way that it will further develop their sense of independence and resourcefulness. It will also improve their confidence when faced with more challenging conditions.

It is maybe high time to finally enlighten our learners and instill in them the true sense of education – bringing out the best of what’s already within them.

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