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ARE K TO 12 GRADUATES READY TO ENTER THE WORLD OF WORK?

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Nine years ago, the Philippines was the only Southeast Asian country that offered only ten (10) years of basic education to its nation members. Still, since the K to 12 implementations, the country has joined its neighbors in embracing an education system that will provide students with more opportunities in an international market.

There are numerous benefits to the new K to 12 curricula, which place the Filipino learner at the center of the academic side. The Philippines' K to 12 curricula brought Filipino learners up to speed with the global market. This would prove that investing in education is crucial to attaining national development and growth. Adoption of the K to 12 system as a curriculum remains a struggle, but with its strengths, it would be convenient to do otherwise.

Learners are projected to graduate at a somewhat older age than previous graduates of the old curriculum due to the K to 12 program's adjustment. As per DepEd, learners moving into the working world would benefit from this since they would be much better prepared to handle the greater level of learning when they reach college. That being said, they can further choose to pursue their dreams in higher forms due to this, which will be yet another exciting adventure to acquire excellent learning breakthroughs.

Moreover, unlike the previous system, K to 12 can better prepare learners to enter the world of work. This feature of the new curriculum forces each learner to be enthused about the industry and encourages learners to take on more responsibility. Further, they may or may not enroll in college, mainly unless they have chosen a path other than



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academics. That being said, senior high school students should not be bothered if they want to pursue disciplines other than their own, as they can take electives that will allow them to enhance their talents in specific areas of interest.

In addition, the K to 12 system aspires to strengthen Filipino students' math, science, and linguistic skills to compete more effectively in the global labor market. The Department of Education guarantees that the new curriculum will provide higher-quality education through all the strands. Each track will give the learners sufficient time to study a field and improve their abilities in that area. By the end of the program, K to 12 graduates will be prepared to compete globally and secure a position in the modern job market.

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