

HOW HISTORY INFLUENCED PHILIPPINE EDUCATION

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It is believed that who we are today and what we have today are the result of our experiences. Our difficulties, breakthroughs, experiences, learnings, principles, and ideals molded us in order for us to survive and adapt to the changing needs of time. The Philippines' educational system is no exception. When we analyze the educational policies and curriculum from each age, they appear to be relevant because they were deemed to be necessary at the time of adoption. However, if we look attentively, the Philippine educational system from the Spanish, American, and Japanese periods may be based on colonial objectives.

Every component of the educational system has been updated to reflect the new position of a new nation striving for political and economic independence, as well as to fashion a nation truly united out of social and cultural diversities, since the country's celebration of independence in 1946, barely seven decades ago. We Filipinos should be proud of how far education has progressed in the Philippines.

Starting with very basic education in a Filipino household and progressing to the influences of various colonizers, the Philippines' history is a beautiful mess. Each period of colonialism by different countries had a significant impact on the Philippines' well-established educational system. From the Filipino people's strong moral values to Spanish religion, American training in self-government and the use of the English language, to the cordial relationship among Asians influenced by Japanese influence. Through their significant contributions, people of all ethnicities and cultures have advanced education in the Philippines. Apart from that, there have been outstanding Filipino leaders who have ensured that Filipino culture is preserved. President Quezon promoted the

resurgence of native culture as well as desirable Filipino values throughout the Commonwealth period. He also prioritized vocational and adult education, which explains why Filipinos are noted for being skilled in their chosen profession.

Filipinos are now better equipped and knowledgeable in many ways as a result of these various inputs from the past. Yesterday's practices created the instruments and foundation for tomorrow's improvement evidenced by some old ways still being practiced into current education.

Every educational system made a unique contribution to the fulfillment and implementation of educational goals. As a result, the common aim of the past and present educational systems is for learners to be equipped, skilled, and potential individuals. History of educational system has paved the way for today's education to be enhanced, improved, and upgraded so that it is equally accessible to all. The learners are the main priority, and nobody should be left behind.

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