

## LIGHT BEYOND HORIZON

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No one had escaped from the claw of the coronavirus pandemic or the COVID-19 pandemic. It all starts out in Wuhan, a city in China. Chinese people tried to control it there but they failed. Allowing infectivity and virulence to other neighboring countries in Asia until it becomes a worldwide pandemic. Symptoms commonly include fever, colds, dry coughs, shortness of breath, and fatigue, it is range from undetectable, worse severe ailment to worst – death!

Elderly people and those with underlying medical conditions are most likely to be infected severely by this killer virus and it had mutated into different strains (variants) that make it even harder to control. Experts from different leading pharmaceutical companies have rapidly developed antidotes for the disease in different formulations as well as from prominent countries around the globe but this does not guarantee 100% protection from the virus. An individual had to be injected twice to categorize as fully vaccinated (with the same brand of vaccine) and later to be immunized again with booster shots.

This pandemic had brought about devastating effects in many aspects, known to be the greatest disruptor of the global economy. The political, social, and cultural lives of the people, almost everything had halted, businesses had been forced to close, and later were put on the brink of bankruptcy. Governments had to protect and save the people's health, lives, and economy. Nobody is allowed to go out except frontliners, who are giving primary services to society like the medical field personnel, the uniformed men, and the like. Moreover, it affects educational services. The department had thought of different modalities to keep education going and not paralyze the flow of the teaching

and learning process. It is a humongous challenge to the education system; however, Filipinos are known to be resilient.

Clear and contingency plans are offered to the teachers, school heads, and officials to address the possible gap that may take place in the presence of the crisis. Searching for the most viable solution and suitable modalities that will fit every learner's needs and capability of adopting the new trends in education. Modular printed (hard copy); modular digital (soft copy); synchronous/asynchronous online; asynchronous offline; education tv; radio-based instruction; homeschooling; and blended learning are the smooth sailing boats that deliver progress to each of the chosen processes. Nevertheless, obstacles approach these modalities and yet our educators are specially trained to take over and lead learners to prosperous results. Finally, these flexible ways give resources that stabilize the progression.

The pandemic becomes endemic, and people got used to these concerns and magnificently rising, having to face the new normal, where limited face to face started to spring until the full class size is now in effect in all schools all over the land. Truly, education can never be buried down because of its fortitude. Simultaneously business, commerce, and economy are again gaining its momentum to mark and seal the promising light beyond the new horizon.

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