

## "TEACHERS: KEEPING THE HOPE AND RESILIENCE AMIDST THE THREAT OF COVID-19"

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Even up to this day, fear is still visible in the faces of Filipino people that is brought by COVID-19 since it haunted the Philippines in 2020. It didn't only affect the livelihood of many, but mostly the sectors that keep the economy towards progression—especially the education of students whose welfare started to be at stake because of the virus. But sadly, it's not just for the students in which it became hard to cope up with the situation, but also for the teachers.

When we talk about education, the goal that we foresee is the "quality" itself. And to be able to achieve that, there should be a collaboration of effective teachers who are dependable enough to have a supportive learning environment. But in the current situation, achieving such kind of goal appears to be challenging given the threat of the existing virus. As most people say, the pandemic isn't over yet.

However, teachers still hope to transform the students into the future leaders we look forward to. They are resilient enough despite the setbacks of being vulnerable to the virus. Different teaching practices are observed for continuous learning such as the adaptation of online teaching and distribution of modules that can be taken at home to lessen the possibility of getting infected by the virus.

Meanwhile, teachers have experienced challenges in online teaching mainly due to technical problems, students' lack of interest brought by the new set-up, and limited knowledge in the adaptation of technological advancement. There, assessments revealed

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the need of parent's guidance while having online classes to maintain the quality of teaching practices.

To live while the virus exists is already a challenge. What more for the teachers who need to attend the learning of the students? We owe them big time because of their sacrifices. Instead of staying with their families and ensuring their safety, still they choose to be the heroes who uplift the learners in their potential. Truly, they are the molder of our future.

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