

## FOSTERING JOB-READY CITIZENS THROUGH TECHNICAL AND LIVELIHOOD EDUCATION (TLE)

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With a primary focus on preparing students for the real world and the workforce, Technical and Livelihood Education (TLE) is a crucial subject in the junior and senior high school curricula. Practical abilities, information, and attitudes that are relevant to a variety of fields and occupations are highly valued by TLE. Its dedication to experiential learning and real-world experiences is crucial in generating people who are both academically qualified and skilled in their field.

As per the Asian Development Bank (2021), TLE covers a broad range of practical skills, including anything from electronics and computer programming to culinary arts and automobile technology. The emphasis on developing practical skills guarantees that students graduate with a set of desirable skills that is applicable to employers in a variety of industries. These abilities can be used in real-world situations rather than merely being abstract concepts.

Additionally, TLE gives students a chance to investigate numerous businesses and career choices. They are able to get firsthand information about various job options, which helps them make wise professional decisions. TLE gives students the opportunity to learn about a wide range of professions, empowering them to select a career path that matches their interests and skills and enables them to combine their hobbies with their professional goals.

TLE's dedication to real-world application is one of its distinguishing characteristics. Internships, practical exercises, and hands-on projects are all encouraged

for students to take part in. The gap between classroom learning and the actual demands of the workplace is filled by this real-world experience. Students are consequently more prepared to face problems in work, think critically, and make valuable contributions to their professional environment.

TLE also promotes the development of critical thinking and adaptive abilities. TLE enables students to think critically, discover answers, and adapt to changing situations by immersing them in real-life settings and problems. Employers place a high value on these abilities, which are necessary for managing the difficulties and changes in the employment market.

Furthermore, TLE encourages students to think like entrepreneurs. They gain the information and abilities necessary to launch their own initiatives or businesses as a result. By doing this, TLE promotes independence and equips students to create their own jobs rather than just seek them out, which benefits the economy.

TLE plays a crucial function in the educational system by ensuring that students are prepared to be productive citizens. TLE educates students with the skills needed to succeed in the workforce through practical skill development, career path research, real-world application, problem-solving, and an entrepreneurial mentality. It guarantees that graduates are not only academically competent but also equipped to meet the difficulties of the real world and make a constructive contribution to the labor market and the larger economy.

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