

LAGGING ON LOGGING IN AMONG YOUNG GENERATION

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In today's fast-changing world, we can feel like everything is easy to reach. Every industry is striving to reach its full potential, and so we are, due to intense global competition. While it's true that personal development is important to achieve success, it's not enough to know just the basics. To truly excel, you must bring something exceptional to the table that only you can provide. But how can we be recognized if we are still lingering on the traditional way of enhancing ourselves?

Technology is a crucial factor in gaining a competitive edge in any field. Those who recognize and embrace technological advancements have an advantage in achieving success (Ismail, 2017). On the other hand, those who fail to appreciate the positive and long-term benefits of technology lag behind.

Advanced education plays a crucial role in preparing us for global competition. We need to enhance our knowledge and skills in technology to reach our full potential.

The Department of Education has launched an initiative to fully utilize technology in the education system. As part of this, DepEd is encouraging the integration of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the teaching and learning process. The department aims to establish ICT Hubs in every public elementary and secondary school. Additionally, DepEd has collaborated with the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT) to create a portal called DepEd Common, where the department can store learning materials such as modules, books, activities, and more. This portal serves as a repository for digital learning materials, promoting self-paced learning that can help develop life-long learners. However, the downside of this initiative

is that some students may not be able to afford a decent gadget, and others may have limited internet access that they can use for their education.

In my opinion, educational leaders should not only provide the necessary facilities and equipment for integrating ICT and technology in education, but they should also assist teachers in understanding how to use and navigate the equipment to its fullest potential. They can conduct teacher training programs, specifically focused on the use of technology in the teaching and learning process.

The success of the government in meeting global market demands depends on the synergy between technological progress, education, and competition. To flourish in this dynamic market, we must embrace change, constantly adapt, and innovate to remain competitive. We need to keep adapting to technological changes, invest in research and development, and foster a culture of innovation. Everything indeed seems to be reached easily nowadays, but with the right knowledge, everything becomes possible.

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