

## BEYOND FOUR WALLS OF CLASSROOM: BENEFITS OF WEBINAR

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When I was in college, I used to enjoy to attend face to face seminars inside our school and even other venues. I honestly find joining conferences beneficial. I like the idea of going to places, listening to speakers and gaining insights and ideas. It continued until I started teaching. I am still able to join and show up to the symposia. DepEd offers a wide array of trainings that are beneficial to the education system.

Then came the pandemic. A major shift occurred.

When the pandemic broke out in 2020, it caused almost everything to an inevitable halt. Transactions were derailed. Everyone was advised to stay at home. Physical contacts were discouraged. Face to face gatherings were not permitted, alongside trainings and conferences. However, with the power of technology, another healthy alternative was promoted- holding online conferences and seminars.

Online seminars, more commonly called webinars, paved the way for a safer avenue of learning. 2020 saw the massive growth in the use of webinars. DepEd was able to continue honing and developing the educators. The department was even able to conduct online trainings which assisted the teachers in creating learning modules. Personally, I was able to explore other areas just like seminars on video preparations of educational materials through webinars and other crash courses. I was also able attend online trainings on book writings and academic book writing. Also, through LRMDs Bataan, we were able to have online yet rigid trainings in the production of our modules. Indeed, webinars are beneficial. We were able to acquire learning while staying safe inside our homes.

As for the learners' part, their education did not end during the pandemic. Webinars and online classes were also introduced to them. DepEd was able to utilize and maximize the power of technology to deliver quality education. True enough, the spread of COVID 19 was prevented when they did not have to come school during lockdown and quarantine. They, however, still gained knowledge through online sessions.

Now the pandemic is over, the webinars and online sessions still exist and continue to thrive. We know and realize that learning is not confined in the four walls of classrooms. Learning can happen even inside your home. Webinars have proven that.

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