AI INVADES THE EDUCATION SYSTEM; IS IT HELPFUL OR HARMFUL?

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Digital age brought progressive change across various sectors including the education system which impacted students' way of learning. However, potential use of technologies including Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the teaching-learning process drew negative speculations and uncertainties among teachers whether useful or fools to someone who seek help to AI. We cannot deny the fact that AI provides accurate and necessary information in just a click, it offers millions of data and facts to users in the comfort of their home without browsing different websites and books. The potential use of AI can help students to improve their academic performance when used properly.

Related to this, the Department of Education (DepEd) has launched the Education Center for AI Research (E-CAIR) which aims to initiate innovation that will help enhance the teaching and learning process with the help of positive use of AI.

Meanwhile, the University of the Philippines (UP) crafted the guidelines on the responsible use of AI in the education system. According to them, AI can generate data, create text and graphs based on the needed information of the user. UP stated that the use of AI in teaching should support the attainment of the goal and learning outcomes of the program or course. Enhance better understanding of the lesson, enable learners to engage in meaningful interaction and facilitate critical and creative way of thinking among the students. Teachers were also reminded to not use AI for any harmful and illegal purposes.

Students were instructed to avoid plagiarism when using AI in any of their assignments and school activities and were encouraged to properly declare any AI generated information used in the content of their activities or course requirements. The institution will also provide and conduct training to support the positive use of AI in the education system.

Living in the 21st century where technology is widely used, we must always adhere to the positive way of using it and maximize its full potential. It made our work a lot easier and faster. But relying too much on AI can also lose interaction between teacher and learners. We should always bear in mind that teachers are still one of the best sources of information, they don't just teach what is on their mind but they share it with their heart. The AI might offer a lot of information but may bring negative effects when not used right.

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