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DepEd opens curriculum online help desk

In support of the implementation of the 2010 Secondary Education Curriculum (SEC), an online help desk section is now open for school communities to access anytime, anywhere.

Through the Department of Education Memorandum 396, series of 2010, DepEd announces that teachers, school heads, parents, students, and volunteers can now have a full grasp of the lessons integrated in secondary education through the DepEd–Bureau of Secondary Education (DepEd-BSE) website: <http://www.bse.portal.ph>.

“We welcome this very important initiative that will surely benefit the teachers and students in the teaching-learning process inside and outside school,” said Education Secretary Armin Luistro.

The DepEd–BSE online help desk aims to provide a follow-through virtual technical assistance to all public documents. It will also guide private secondary school teachers on the optimal use of the curriculum documents and teaching guides with the integration of blended technologies and other government thrusts into the curriculum. It will as well disseminate user-friendly, brief and concise offline/online digital-enabled modules with interactive hyperlinks to multimedia files that will guide the teachers in unpacking the content and performance standards through simple flowcharts and simulations.

Moreover, this can serve as an alternative forum and/or discussion board for teachers and school heads who fail to attend the face-to-face training on teaching and learning for Understanding by Design (UbD), and managing efficiently and effectively the school-community support blended technology environment.

Luistro sees this as an effective mechanism to provide an anytime, anywhere platform for telecollaborative sharing in a community of learners such as the state-of-the-art updates and trends on best practices.

“This shall create a sense of community through sharing of feedbacks online to help the department revisit and improve its curriculum, teaching practices and methods,” added Luistro.

Lastly, the help desk encourages the involvement of parents, student-tutors, and volunteer citizen-tutors in a many-to-one anytime, anywhere intervention for students with learning gaps or difficulties.

Some of the state-of-the-art updates and trends on best practices used for differentiated instructions include innovative teaching and learning in large or extra large classes, 24/7 school accreditation, midyear/year-end online co-curricular contests on best products and performances, global classroom connection, virtual *eDamath* / *eSciDama* / *entre-P-noyDamath* / robotics camp, *Technology in Education and Edutainment Nook in School* (TEENS) Program, *Smart PathFinder* high schools and innovative teachers leadership awards,

UbD-responsive joyful learning with ICT integration through *Juan-day math Storytelling* by the *Mathemajess'yan* at the Library Hub, and Partners in Learning's (PILs) hyperlinked-teachers manual in CD/online formats: *Guro*, *Gabay sa Pagtuturo*.

The user of the online help desk at <http://www.bse.portal.ph> shall log in and fill up the registration form for record and feedback loop mechanism purposes to be administered by Mr. Jesus L. Huenda, APEC Future Education Consortium steering committee member, with website at <http://www.alcob.com>.

The said online help desk is open to all public and private secondary school teachers and their school heads including student-tutors, parents, and volunteer citizen-tutors nationwide. Their participation shall be included as one of the salient curriculum and instruction/networking indicators in accrediting public and private secondary schools nationwide.

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