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skool™.ph Interactive Learning and Teaching Technology goes live in the Philippines

DepEd and Intel® launch e-Learning website with local education content

Intel Technology Philippines, together with the Department of Education (DepEd) today announced the availability of the Philippines' version of the skool™ educational website (<http://www.skool.ph>). skool is an online platform to help teachers and students learn key concepts in Mathematics and Science. It can be accessed on the Internet for free.

DepEd and Intel Technology Philippines worked together to establish [skool.ph](http://www.skool.ph), an e-learning website containing locally relevant educational content. The first online resource of its kind designed specifically for students and teachers of Math and Science subjects, [skool.ph](http://www.skool.ph) provides resources to enhance their understanding of these subjects.

“We believe that technology-aided education results in better input and output from both teachers and students,” said Ricky Banaag, Intel Technology Philippines country manager. “Intel’s goal is to provide technology and relevant content to increase knowledge development in the Philippines. Intel is optimistic that [skool.ph](http://www.skool.ph) will stimulate the use of IT in education and pave the way for a new generation of technology-savvy Filipinos,” continued Mr. Banaag.

DepEd’s Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE) reviewed and evaluated the contents of [skool.com](http://www.skool.com), originally developed by Intel Ireland, and selected lessons that aligned with DepEd’s curricula for high school levels.

“The Philippine education system needs to evolve from a teacher-led instructional model to one that is personalized and learner-focused to meet the challenges of the 21st century,” said DepEd Secretary Jesli Lapus. “We believe that technology plays a major role in creating this new model that leverages on alternative learning spaces where education happens anytime, anywhere. I therefore encourage our teachers to access the content which could be very helpful in the teaching/learning process.”

DepEd has an on-going ICT integration in education. It is currently focusing its efforts towards 100% computer laboratory-equipped high schools with Internet connectivity to majority if not all secondary schools. DepEd is also digitizing its modules for its mobile teachers to enable them to have easier access to instructional materials and reach out to learners outside the formal school system.

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The content of the skool Philippines website consists of learning materials in high-school level mathematics and science covering algebra, geometry, trigonometry, statistics, biology, chemistry, and physics. Each topic consists of lessons and exercises for students to test their comprehension, presented of in the form of interactive animated graphics, video, and voice-over to make complex subjects like math & science interesting and easier to understand.

Intel and the BSE developed the site's content based on identified areas of difficulty in these subjects and continue to leverage on the expertise of top teachers in their fields for the ongoing development of its content.

"Intel's active involvement in education stems from our commitment to corporate responsibility. We believe that all students deserve skills to succeed and create the innovation of tomorrow," said Arlita Narag, Corporate Affairs Manager, Intel Technology Philippines. "Intel believes that students at all levels everywhere, deserve to have the skills they need to become the next generation of innovators. That is why we count education as an important area of our commitment to corporate responsibility."

skool.ph provides valuable resources to help students learn and review for their exams, and to enable teachers to discover new methods of imparting knowledge. The objective is to provide a rich and integrated approach to Science and Math education, and to complement classroom teaching by encouraging students to learn outside of the classroom.

The Philippine version of the website was based on the worldwide experience of skool.com, that Intel has developed within different countries under the concept of skool™ *Interactive Learning and Teaching Technology*. Successfully implemented in many other countries such as UK, Ireland, Sweden and Thailand, skool.com is an Intel-driven initiative that brings highly innovative, interactive and exciting learning resources via cutting edge technologies and devices to schools.

The skool web technologies are designed for use on all personal computers including Intel-based Classmate PCs.

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