

Reflection on Blog

A blog is a type of website. Blogs are usually maintained by an individual with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events or other material (artifacts) such as graphics or video. Most blogs are interactive, allowing visitors to leave comments and even message each other via widgets on the blogs and it is this interactivity that distinguishes them from other static websites. The ability of readers to leave comments in an interactive format is an important part of many blogs. Many blogs provide commentary or news on a particular subject. A typical blog combines text, images, and links to other blogs, Web pages and other media related to its topic. Blogging is one of the most significant revolutions in ICT world. First we had email, then web pages, then mobile phone texting, and now blogs.

Launching my blog has significantly influenced my life in many ways, especially in my professional career. This is an educational blog, which contains information about my career as a teacher. This blog allows students access the content of blog anytime, anywhere. After I launch my blog, I realize that there are some advantages in doing blog:

1. The students are potentially better informed.
2. Blogs have potential to help a teacher develops stronger relationships with his/her students, as they interact with the 'human face' through blogs.
3. Blogs can be an excellent way of sharing knowledge anytime.
4. Blogs can be a positive way of getting feedback or comment.

Everything has pro and cons. The disadvantages of blog are:

1. Most people are unable to write down or express their ideas in a compelling and clear manner.
2. Not all the students have the chance to develop a blog or online.
3. Blogs are easy to start but hard to maintain. Writing is the most difficult and time-consuming tasks for us.

Facebook is also an important 'group blog' recently. It provides an interface for teacher and students. But, this application is more to sociology than academic. However, ICT is only as a supplement to teaching and learning process. Face to face is the core subject for a successful teaching and learning process.