

Shallow Holes of the Philippine Educational System to Date: Will They Be Filled?

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A tiny hole can empty a whole bucket; a bigger hole can drain a whole nation. What is the hole left open in our educational system?

Leakage is what comes when there is a hole. In our educational system, the holes are the issues, the lapses, the unending problem that we've all experienced, the crisis of our educational system. Now what exactly are these? The Philippines is famous not only because of our beautiful scenery but also because of our optimistic personality. But does optimism fill a hole like the issues found in our educational system? No, it does not.

Society has always been divided. The rich and the poor; of course, the schools in our country aren't beyond that, because the same thing is evident at school and in school-like environments. How exactly does this affect the status of our educational system? Well, less developed states can focus on learning if it's one of their top concerns. However, the Philippines doesn't invest in top-notch learning as compared to its neighboring countries. In fact, many public schools lack computers and other tools despite the digital age. Not to mention the ongoing decrease of teachers in public schools because they are overly underpaid. Besides that, more or less than 10% of our estimated population are people who are unenrolled or are deprived of having access to education. Because of this, the Philippines has stayed at the bottom of the statistical ranking for international education.

What if we cover the holes? What if we brought out solutions to fix it? Well, that has always been the deed and the goal we've all been trying to find and achieve all these years. Even if there are already tons of ways to fix it, considering the state of our country and the cooperation level of our society, this has not been achieved yet. It goes without saying that having this constant crisis has its long-term effects. These include misinformation and disinformation, poor decision-making, and other social concerns.

What are other issues arising from our educational system, you ask? Well, there are tons. From quality, budget, cost, OSY (Out of School Youth), mismatch, social division, and lack of resources, which continues to increase daily by the level of difficulty to resolve.

We need quality education for all. Not only does it benefit the learners, but it is also beneficial to our economic growth. Any country would want to build and keep a standard vision for its educational system: one that promotes cultural diversity, is free from bias, offers a safe space and respect for human rights, and forms traits, skills, and talent, among others.

Students must not take learning for granted. Having access to education should be treasured, especially during times of crisis and abrupt change. In addition to being a fundamental human right, it also affects the other rights we have and benefit from.

Building a system that empowers youth means helping them reach their full potential. They require assistance from people who can defend the rights of the less fortunate in these circumstances. These include street children and their right to a quality education.

You may hold the power to change lives, one child at a time. Be aware, and let change start with you. Fix the holes and fill them little by little, until the once-flawed system becomes one that is filled with opportunity and success.