



PSD propels its Staff for INSET 2024

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Philippine School Doha held its In-Service Education and Training (INSET) with the theme “Empower, Engage, Elevate: Glocalizing MATATAG Curriculum for a Resilient and Flourishing Future” from August 4 to 15 at the EVB Gymnasium to further enhance its staffs’ skills and knowledge.

Dr. Marylendra Penetrante, the Founder and Executive Director of Children and Youth Wellness, Technical and Advocacy Center (CYWTAC) Inc., highlighted the importance of change in one's life in one of her keynote speeches through saying,

“Do not be afraid of changes, it brings opportunities.”

In one of the peer-learning sessions, Dr. Penetrante discussed the Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL) within the MATATAG Curriculum which focused on helping students understand their emotions, develop their empathy, and increase their self-awareness—all of which are essential for them to thrive in the community and in the job market.

Throughout the five-day event, the attendees participated in a series of sessions that revolved around their comprehensive professional development experience in effectively applying their new knowledge in the classroom.

Dr. Penetrante also emphasized the vital role the employees play as parents in the students’ development, orienting them on how their involvement significantly impacts the children's emotional and academic growth.

“Two of the most influential people in the kids’ life are the teachers and parents,” she noted.

Moreover, **Dr. Reuben P. Velarde Jr.**, the Assistant Vice President for Non-Print and Marketing at Phoenix Publishing House Incorporated, discussed how leveraging generative AI can drive transformative learning by exploring effective strategies to enhance engagement through the use of AI.

To add up, the school arranged a separate training session for its staff which took place in both Baguio and Quezon City, Philippines.

Overall, the INSET 2024 culminated on August 20, providing PSD’s teaching and non-teaching staff the essential skills to help them deliver high-quality education for the upcoming school year.



Dr. Marylendra Penetrante shares her expertise regarding Socio-Emotional Learning.



After a productive session, the PSD staff gather together as they pose for a group photo.



Dr. Reuben P. Velarde Jr. talks about how to use Generative AI for effective learning.



The attendees engage in an energizing dance.