



## **Student-leaders enrich leadership skills**

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Philippine School Doha's Supreme Student Government (SSG) held its annual Leadership Training Seminar with the theme "*Strengthening Student-Leadership Thru Vision, Grit, and Character,*" for instated student-leaders via face-to-face at the PSD campus from August 19, 23, 24, to 26.

The seminar consisted of nine sessions with different resource speakers to tackle specific topics intended for various positions of student leaders. The first session was presented by the Senior High School Oral Communication teacher **Mr. Lochlan Villacorte** discussing, "*Effective Communication and Correspondences (Technical Writing),*" at the Edgar V. Bondoc (EVB) Gymnasium on August 19.

In the said session attended by the Link staff, grade 8 to 12 class secretaries, public relations officers, documentation officers, muses, and escorts, Mr. Villacorte stressed the importance of the words 'listen' and 'silent' when communicating with one another.

***"You cannot decide or solve particular problems without listening."***

*Correspondence* was then highlighted as Mr. Villacorte tackled technical writing and email etiquette. He encouraged and taught the students how to write and use emails because of the medium's formality and accessibility when communicating with classmates and teachers.

*Basic Safety Practices in the Classroom* was discussed during the second and ninth sessions held at Room 2F-08 and the Audio-Visual Room (AVR) on August 19 and 26 for the safety officers of Grades 4-6 and Grades 7-12, correspondingly. **Mr. Jose P. Santos Jr.**, VP of the SMSD, was the guest speaker for the session, orienting the safety officers on how to react during emergencies and handle situations adequately when an evacuation is necessary. Furthermore, he discussed the different essentials during emergencies such as fire alarms, emergency exits, flags, and safety precautions. Moreover, he stressed that one should focus on their safety above all else.

Session 3 named '*Financial Management within Classroom Walls*' was intended for the Grades 8-12 auditors, treasurers, and business managers in which they were guided by SHS ABM and Filipino Teacher, **Ms. Eva T. Roca**. During the session, the officers were taught to carefully manage the funds in their respective classes through proper management, organization, and coordination. Later on, a computing simulation was done to apply their learnings.

In Session 4, *Basic Leadership Skills* were taught to the Grades 4 and 5 Class Officers, facilitated by Intermediate Reading Teacher, **Ms. Regine Marie V. Craste**. The interactive session hosted activities that helped the students become functional leaders.

***"Be the kind of leader you will follow,"*** Ms. Craste shared.

Meanwhile, the fifth session of the seminar called '*Learning to Lead: Intermediate Level*' was led by Primary Science Teacher **Dr. Precioso L. Tano** who handled the Grades 6 and 7 class officers. The session was organized with the objective of shaping class officers to become good leaders in which Dr. Tano stated: "*One of the attributes of a good leader is a good listener.*"

In the sixth session attended by the SSG officers and Link Heads, **Mr. Michaelino Saratan**, VP of the Records Office, spoke about *Molding Student-Leaders' Character: Empower to Make a Difference* focused on the importance of building trust through good character in order for a leader to be followed by people. Moreover, he stressed the different characteristics of a good leader: E-ncouraging, M-indful, P-ersistent, O-bjective, W-illing, E-mpathetic, and R-eliable, forming the acronym *EMPOWER*.

***"You have to touch lives and make a difference,"*** said Mr. Saratan as he emphasized that the main goal of leadership is to make a difference and influence others in an optimistic way.

The seventh session of the training, *Basic Emergency Response Inside the Classroom*, was presented by the First Aid Unit Coordinator **Nurse Marijoe M. Caparas** in the AVR on August 26. Class medical officers from grades 4 to 12 were

briefed on their roles and responsibilities, as well as the signs and symptoms of illnesses, and possible first-aid treatments for different injuries. The 3 P's: *P-reserve life, P-revent further or added injuries, and P-romote recovery* were introduced as the objectives of first aid when handling emergencies. As Nurse Caparas underscored: *"Be a hero and save lives. first aid is not only for me but for everyone, and for everywhere."*

The medical officers were newly introduced as part of the class officers in the current school year in order to provide order and safety in aiding unwell students to the First Aid Unit.

**Mr. Elmer Barañao**, JHS Research Teacher, was the speaker for the 8th session encompassing *Effective Leadership Skills: Classroom Leadership*, together with Grades 8-12 presidents, vice presidents, peace officers, CAT, COMELEC, and Peace Envoy members on August 26 at the EVB Gymnasium. He discussed different good skills that one leader must have such as being goal-oriented, honest, and hardworking. He also mentioned that being a leader is not only about being efficient but also incorporating traits such as kindness and friendliness.

Mrs. Melissa Montayre, VP of the Office of Student Affairs, shared her closing remarks for the seminar. She stressed the importance of a leader's willingness to serve as she said:

***"Remember that your vision serves as your compass to overcome obstacles."***

The different sessions were conducted to enhance leadership skills embedded in the PSDian student-leaders according to their positions as officers.



Mr. Jose Santos, the vice principal of the SMSD, delivers a talk about safety practices to the student safety officers.

Student leaders, no matter how tall or short, make a difference with their leadership skills.



The vice principal of the Records office, Mr. Michaelino Saratan, nurtures the spirit of empowered leaders among the Link heads, the SSG officers, and the COMELEC.



Mr. Emerson Barañao's session sees participation among the audience members.



The C.A.T join in with Mr. Elmerson Barañao for the picture-taking.



Mr. Elmerson Barañao and young class officers show off their smiles with a thumbs-up.