

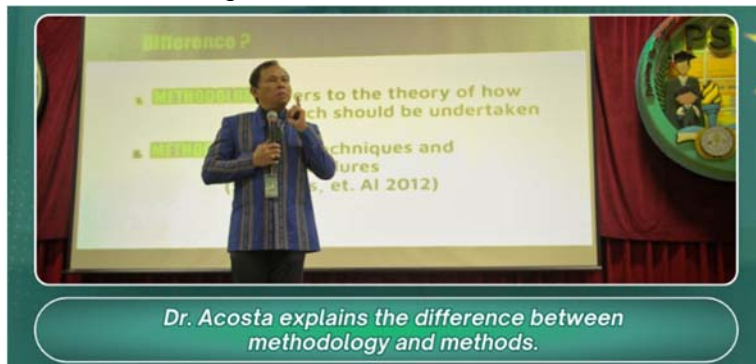


QAAD, SHS Dep't Seminar further hones quality research paper writing

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The Quality Assurance and Accreditation Department in collaboration with the Senior High School Department held its follow-up research seminar focused on writing Qualitative Phenomenological Research on December 8 at the Edgar V. Bondoc Gymnasium.

Dr. Alexander S. Acosta, School Principal and PSD Research Consultant, was the resource speaker for the seminar. He presented the second part of his discussion entitled “*Analyzing Data in Qualitative Phenomenological Research.*”



In her opening remarks, **Dr. Noemi F. Formaran**, Vice Principal of the Senior High School Department, highlighted the importance of research as she expressed that:

“Research has been systemic to the advancement and inventions that we are all enjoying today whether you're in the Philippines or elsewhere in the world.”

Dr. Acosta then began his lecture by introducing the main concept of the seminar, mentioning that qualitative research is beyond the numbers as it deals with words, expressions, and storytelling. His session also included a workshop on drafting central, specific, and developmental questions needed in Qualitative Phenomenological Research, as well as the theories for the reference of the study, coding, thematizing, simulacrum making, and abstract writing.



Throughout the session, there was an interactive discussion between Dr. Acosta and the students as he inquired their takeaways from the presentation.

Moreover, Dr. Acosta found that the process of research writing had a resemblance to the mid-forward-backward movements in a cha-cha. With this, he encouraged the students to join in and dance the cha-cha.



After the lecture, a Question and Answer session was held to address the issues and concerns of the students, followed by the awarding of certificates and tokens to the speaker.



Robin Aquino, a STEM student from Grade 11 Cobalt found the seminar very helpful, stating that:

“ I was able to gather insights in creating qualitative phenomenological research through the instructive and knowledgeable presentation of Dr. Alexander S. Acosta. The main key aspects that I took note of for future research were the sampling and the importance of commonalities towards the story of the participants involved.”



Likewise, Edrick Evangelista, a Grade 11 ABM student viewed the experience as one that gave him a deeper understanding of the concepts by mentioning that the seminar made a big difference in his approach to his research paper.

The research seminar was held in order to further help the Senior High School students in crafting their qualitative phenomenological research papers, enlightening them on ways to improve their skills in research, as well as eventually publishing their papers internationally. In line with the Qatar National Day celebration, participants were reminded that Qatar continues to pave the way for a bright and promising future. Appreciation was extended to Philippine School Doha for cultivating curiosity and commemorating Qatar's legacy through participatory school events, such as research seminars.



The SHS Department, along with Dr. Julie Real and Dr. Alexander Acosta, gathers for a picture.



REFRESHER: A PSDian shares his takeaways from the previous research seminar.



A research group comes up with guide questions.



Emcees of the seminar smile for a picture before the program.



A SHS student responds to Dr. Acosta's question about formulating research questions.



PSDians work according to their research groups in order to fully grasp the discussed concepts for their studies.