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ISA Library goes Online

Starting this month, ISA campus comes within the Britannica Learning Zone, where each member of the ISA community enjoys 24/7 access to all the resources Britannica Learning Zone has to offer, not only in school, but virtually bringing the whole library to his or her home. These include the unabridged contents of the Britannica Encyclopedia plus video animation, complete list of dictionary, world atlas, comparable facts and figures of countries around the world, tens of thousands of e-book titles under the Reference Desk; years in review, Britannica timeline, Britannica classics under Time Travel, among many other big titles, such as Explore Britannica, Learning Materials, and a lot more. The Workplace made learners’ research work more user-friendly. Of the various new measures introduced this year, this is the one most beneficial to the academic endeavor of the learners.

The advent of rapid technological advancement calls for a reconfiguration of the whole spectrum of thinking in the academy. Admittedly, education lags far behind vis-à-vis applied science in many respects. There is the factor of financial resources, presumably, but conventional mindset is nonetheless to blame. The infusion of hi-tech innovation is utterly an unexplored realm, which can be full of excitement, challenges, and enjoyment. This is a domain no educator, particularly leaders in the academy, can afford to overlook. In consonance with the needs of the learners and mentors, it is expected of ISA to introduce further modernism in the years to come.

A TRIP TO HISTORY, Grade 2 learners’ field trip on February 18 brought them to six places. The first was Science Center, followed by a visit of the ancestral house of the prolific Filipino writers in Hilagayan, Magdalena Jalandon. The house stands as a historical landmark near Jaro Cathedral. Then they visited Cebuana, a town thriving with history, and to the Parish Church and the golf course of Sta. Barbara, first generated in the Philippines. It was a trip that cultivates the ISAers’ love of one’s own cultural and artistic heritage.

Clockwise from upper left: Registration at dawn; ISA parents on the go; ever active ISAers in front of the new school building declaring “1 Finished ISA Fun Run”.

I-SA Stands for Innovations

School year 2011-12 has kicked off on 13 June. A day that welcomes the new year was packed with new things. ISA has finally moved to its new campus, quite far from the urban center where noise and traffic are quite bothering. All smile as everyone sees the new building. But what awaits inside the huge campus? When we say ISA, the brand name is equated to innovation. Changes are made to make the learning processes and procedures up to date.

First, from the traditional course outlines that are distributed to the learners on the first day, the school has shifted to giving concept maps and checklists for clearer view of the flow of the lessons and learners will be able to keep track of the academic tasks missed and ought to perform.

Second, with the introduction of online library, learners will be more properly guided in using the web for research through the access code. With only a click, ISAers can have unlimited sources of information.

Third and unique feature of the school is the cyber grading system, another innovation which allows parents to monitor the performance of the child at home through accessing to the internet where scores can be seen. This gives facilitators too, an efficient and error free computation of learners’ performance. Thanks to technology, almost everything is within our reach.

And finally, paper less office and trash less classrooms have become a policy. Facilitators’ guides, exams for checking and other relevant information are transmitted through e-mails. On the other hand, learners are trained to manage their trash since there is no trash can inside the classroom. With this, we were able to put into action what we learn from school on how to conserve our resources and show love to Mother Nature.

ISA is turning 8 this year. Indeed, time flies. The school has been opened to new ideas in the name of quality education while remaining committed to its mission and vision.

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