10 Countries, 7 Speakers, 1 Event

The 2021 International Educators Conference

Pursuing its commitment to the mission of strengthening Christian schools and equipping Christian educators worldwide, ACSI Philippines conceptualized, initiated, and hosted the 2021 International Educators Conference (IEC). The first of its kind to be organized in the Asia Pacific region, this 3-day international virtual event was successfully conducted last May 6, 7, and 8 in collaboration with ACSI Indonesia, ACSI Australia, ACSI Korea, and ACSI India.

The educator participants of this first virtual international gathering came from ten countries namely: the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, South Korea, Cambodia, Nepal, Europe, USA, India, and Pakistan.

Along with veteran speakers coming from Europe, North America, and Asia, the IEC intensive training was intentionally designed to prepare educators for the coming school year. Topics of the sessions were carefully considered and aimed at revisiting the essentials of future-proofing schools. They were focused on themes that directly address the training needs of educators and aimed at helping gird Christian schools and the frontliners—the teachers, to be more effective in facing the demands of teaching during this pandemic and beyond.

The immense negative impact to schools during the early stage of the pandemic spurred the desire of the ACSI Philippine office to provide more high quality and robust set of trainings to Christian school teachers and leaders. In close partnership with ACSI-Indonesia, the 2021 IEC was able to bring together close to 600 participants who were strongly equipped and encouraged in their commitment towards their mission and boldly pursue their calling as Christian educators.

Among the highlights of the conference was the lively confab where speakers were able to accommodate questions from the participants. Added to that were the featured Christian schools and their leaders, sharing some essential steps that their schools are doing to prepare for the coming school year. The 2021 IEC ended with a closing keynote titled “Reinforcing Teacher Capacity Towards a Future-Proof School”.

Truly, the 2021 IEC was a testimony of God’s faithfulness, graced by seven distinguished speakers, and benefiting hundreds of educators in one big event. It showcased an impressive collaboration among several ACSI Global offices in the Asia Pacific region, advancing with strong resolve ACSI’s tagline “stronger together”.

For video highlights and photos of this conference visit ACSI Philippines website: www.acsiphilippines.org

2021 IEC RERUN

The overwhelming positive feedback from the participants and the requests from several schools who were not able to join compelled ACSI Philippines to do a conference rerun.

The said International Conference rerun happened last June 29, 2021. Twenty schools, and more than a hundred participants from the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, and the US graced this event.

The highlights of the rerun included the live session of Dr. Debbie MacCullough who spoke on the “Essentials of a Strong and Thriving School”, followed by a bonus CONFAB in the evening graced by the same speaker, as well as by Dr. Deborah Miller.

The live confab allowed the participants to converse, discuss, raise concerns, and express their thoughts with the speakers.

Further, it focused around issues on online teaching strategies, practical ways to address Covid-related concerns among teachers, as well as school accreditation.

“Prayer triplets, accountability partners, regular, systematic and intentional communication” are just few of the many key points shared.
March 29, 2021 was a special date saved and marked by many of the music teachers as ACSI Philippines, in cooperation with Magnus Creative Music (MGM) Inc., sponsored a music education webinar aimed at enhancing the educators’ mind, body, and relationships amidst this pandemic.

Sharing insights through the virtual stage was Coach Neil Go, a musician by profession, a jingle composer, music arranger, and a jazz pianist of Cher Neil Music Corner (CNMC) in Cagayan de Oro City.

In this webinar, he emphasized the relevance and elements of music needed by our learners to easily understand the process of learning music. He was also able to allow the teachers to revisit music theories to prepare them for designing learning plans.

To supplement Coach Neil’s learning session is the presentation of Creative Holistic Integrated Music Education System (CHIMES) by Dr. Chambi Soriano, the managing director of Magnus Creative Music, Inc. (MGM).

CHIMES is a research-based, carefully designed curriculum for grade schoolers that is grounded on listening as the core musical skill. It is a powerful tool that will make music teachers work seamlessly as it comes with everything the teacher needs—lesson slides, audio track lessons and printed or digital modules.

Participated by many schools all over the Philippines, this music colloquium, hosted by ACSI Phils. staff Ms. Lasque, was another free ACSI Philippines event provided to both member and non-member Christian schools throughout the country.
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The Value of Christian Education:

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ACSI PHILIPPINES
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September 4, 2021

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