

**PRESS RELEASE****DepEd integrates Globe's Digital Thumbprint Program in K to 12 Curriculum**

*PASAY CITY, September 12, 2019* – The Department of Education (DepEd) commended its long-time partner Globe Telecommunications for spearheading the Digital Thumbprint Program (DTP) in K to 12 Curriculum during the opening of the five-day National Summit for Digital Citizenship and Responsibility (NSDCR) at the Century Park Hotel Manila on September 10.

The event aimed to educate public and private high school students on proper online behavior as well as encourage students, teachers, and parents to participate in creating an open, inclusive, collaborative, and safe online environment.

“We are in a connected world where anyone can easily have access to the internet. While we believe that the internet is fundamental to achieving inclusive and equitable quality education, we are also aware that it exposes our youth to many potential risks that may harm them,” DepEd Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones underscored.

Digital citizenship, a vital aspect of youth education, is one of Globe's key advocacies.. It is crucial that the youth can make well-informed decisions in their daily actions as responsible netizens.

DTP modules will be enhanced by integrating Digital Citizenship and Responsibility into the K to 12 curriculum specifically in the Values Formation subjects. This way, the students will learn both digital citizenship and the responsibilities of being digital natives.

Briones underscored the program's benefit to the learners “This led us to adopt Globe's Digital Thumbprint Program after seeing how it has created positive impact on the students and teachers who have undergone the workshops. By integrating the program in the delivery of curriculum targets, all students can better learn how to be conscious of their personal security and wellbeing when online and eventually, become responsible internet users.”

This collaboration with DepEd is a breakthrough triumph for Globe's cyber-wellness program which has already reached 4,962 students across the country since it was introduced in 2016.

“We are deeply honored to have our Digital Thumbprint Program become an integral part of DepEd's K to 12 curriculum delivery content. Since DTP was launched three years ago as a free workshop, it has been our mission to reach out to as many students, teachers, and parents as we can. With the pervasiveness of the internet and the country's move towards digitalization, the level of risks for online users also increases. This drives us to advocate for responsible digital citizenship to encourage critical thinking and prevent online abuse,” Yoly Crisanto, Chief Sustainability and Senior Vice President Corporate Communications Officer of Globe enthused.

The partnership between DepEd and Globe is a significant achievement both in the field of education and the digital community as it was made before educators, including over 500 experts from DepEd representing the National Office, its 17 regional offices, and all 220 DepEd division offices handling values formation and curriculum delivery. It updates the participants on the status and issues related to the use of digital technologies; provide participants with learning content and tools on safe and responsible online citizenship; empower participants on how to present the learning modules; and identify the needs and ways to foster digital citizenship and responsibility among DepEd personnel, teachers, students, and parents.

For its part, Globe facilitated the DTP workshop content to the DepEd participants. Globe also collaborated with DepEd's pool of workshop facilitators to aid in the development of concrete and actionable curriculum delivery plans by the end of the five-day summit.

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