

PAFTE-Region III holds Webinar on Teaching in the New Normal

Teaching in the New Normal was the theme of the Philippine Association for Teachers and Educators (PAFTE-Region III) webinar last February 19, 2021 via MS Teams and Facebook Live. One thousand five hundred forty-six (1,546) pre-service teachers, faculty members, and school heads of the various Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) from the different regions joined the activity. The participants were as follows:

Region	Number of Participants
Region 2	36
Region 3	1155
Region 4	56
Region 5	2
Region 7	176
Region 10	20
CAR	4
NCR	65
CARAGA	31
Overseas	1
Total	1546



PAFTE National President Dr. Brenda A. Corpuz delivered welcome message to all the attendees.

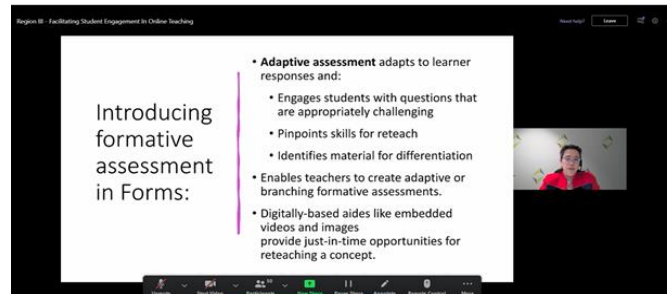
Two (2) prominent and highly respected professionals in the field of education and technology shared their expertise as the resource speakers. The topic on Student Engagement in Online Teaching was comprehensively discussed by Dr. Milagros L. Borabo, Vice-President for Luzon and Executive Director of PAFTE National and the Program Director of the Professional and Continuing



PAFTE Vice President for Luzon, Dr. Milagros M. Borabo, first resource speaker.

Education of the Centro Escolar University-Manila. She identified and shared the practical strategies on how to sustain active interaction and participation in the virtual teaching and learning environment. She further emphasized that learning is still possible during this time of pandemic by adjusting the student activities according to their needs.

Ms. Ma. Rhodora M. Santos, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Amicus KOI



Solutions, presented the different interactive and engaging ICT Tools in Online Teaching. Ms. Santos clearly discussed that the tools must be relevant and aligned with the expected outcomes of the course/subject. In addition, she mentioned that learning can be made enjoyable while students are in the virtual environment.

Equally important parts of the webinar were the following: Opening Prayer and Technical Assistance by Dr. Dexter Balajadia, Project Committee-PAFTE Region III; Welcome Remarks by Dr. Alma Natividad, Chair-PAFTE Region III; Message from the PAFTE National President, Dr. Brenda Corpuz; Introduction of the Resource Persons by Dr. Conrad Buerkley- Project Committee-PAFTE Region III; Moderator of the Question and Answer by

Dr. Jasmin Tayao, Membership Committee-PAFTE Region III; and Closing Remarks by Dr. Elvira Balinas, Vice-Chair-PAFTE Region III. The virtual activity was facilitated by Dr. Mutya Paulino, Chairperson, School of Education-Holy Angel University.

As evident on the results of the online evaluation and the active participation of the attendees in the Chat box, the target outcomes of the webinar were met as follows: gain appreciation of the significant roles of teachers in the new normal teaching-learning environment; realize the opportunities and challenges of the new normal environment in the teaching and learning process; and strengthen linkages and further enhance the camaraderie among teacher education institutions.

Through the leadership and collaboration of PAFTE National and the regional officers, cluster heads per province, and the various standing committees of PAFTE-Region III, the webinar was a success.