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CEM Celebrates Its 43rd Founding Anniversary

This month marks CEM's 43rd year of revolutionizing the educational assessment in the country. Since September 1, 1978, CEM has been consistently helping schools improve the quality of their programs through assessment and research. It continuously expands its services to help institutions and policy-making bodies make informed decisions for the enhancement of the Philippine education system.

To highlight the celebration, CEM conducted its 43rd Virtual Anniversary Conference on September 28, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM via Zoom with the theme, **Education Continuity and Recovery: Strategies and Samples of Practice**. It centers on how practitioners and specialists reflect back on the education experience, one year into the pandemic. The discussions focused on sharing strategies and practices for ensuring learning continuity and wellness despite the challenges posed by school closures and a sudden pivot to remote learning. Suggestions on how the school community can prepare for school re-opening were also discussed.

To expand on the theme, three resource speakers were invited to facilitate the different sessions.

SESSION 1

Leading and Navigating Through Educational Uncertainty

In this session, strategies for leading school communities through disruption and change, as experienced in the sudden shift to online learning last year were discussed. Challenges encountered and how these can be addressed by school leaders so that faculty and staff are supported throughout the change process were also tackled, with examples of interventions or actions that worked to address the challenges of the past year. The presentation closed with insights and recommendations on what to prepare for school reopening.



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SESSION 2**Strengthening and Sustaining Active Engagement in a Remote Learning Set-up: The Flipped Classroom Experience at The Meridian**

In this session, activities and programs that teachers can use to elicit active learner engagement despite the difficulties posed by remote learning were presented. The speaker highlighted that teachers and students are the technology instrumental in strengthening and sustaining active engagement. Samples of teaching and learning activities, as well as assessment strategies, were also shown. The presentation concluded with insights gained from new learning delivery modalities, how these benefit the teaching and learning process, and what practices may be carried forward beyond today to make a much-needed transformation in how we approach education.



Amelia Manuel-Campos, LPT
School Principal
The Meridian International Learning Experience

SESSION 3**Caring for the Self & Others: Tools for Maintaining Wellness**

In this session, the speaker shared different ways of providing psychosocial support to learners, teachers, and school staff during the pandemic, to ensure their mental and emotional well-being, as everyone strives to ensure learning continuity.



Jofel D. Umandap, MA, RPsy
Psychologist/Consultant
Ateneo Bulatao Center for Psychological Services

In her welcome message, **Dr. Grace H. Aguilung-Dalisay**, CEM President and CEO, expressed that *“CEM offers this virtual conference to strengthen our bond as a community of advocates for improving the quality of education and thereby the quality of life of Filipino learners regardless of chronological age and place of learning. May we share the hope and faith in education continuity and recovery as our contribution to the futures of education”*. She also introduced the latest corporate **AVP on CEM History**.

In the afternoon, **Mr. Jason V. Moseros**, Test Development Section Head, led the launching of the CEM Expanded Solutions — a new range of products and services that will cater to the various needs of the academe, industries and other organizations. Watch the launching video [here](#).

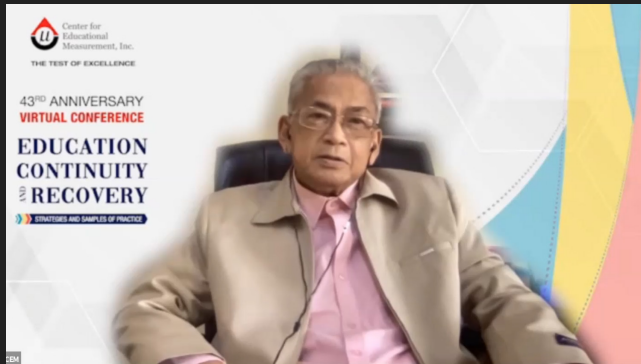
This virtual event, which was moderated by **Dr. Ma. Riza T. Manalo**, Former Dean, Recoletos de Bacolod Graduate School, University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos, was attended by more than 300 participants which are mostly school administrators, faculty and guidance personnel from various schools across the country.

It was also awarded with Continuing Professional Development credits by the Philippine Regulation Commission for the three professions: Professional Teachers (3 units), Guidance Counselors (4 units) and Psychologist/Psychometrician (2 units). Replay of the conference can be accessed through **CEM's Youtube Channel**.



Dr. Aguilung-Dalisay delivering her welcome address

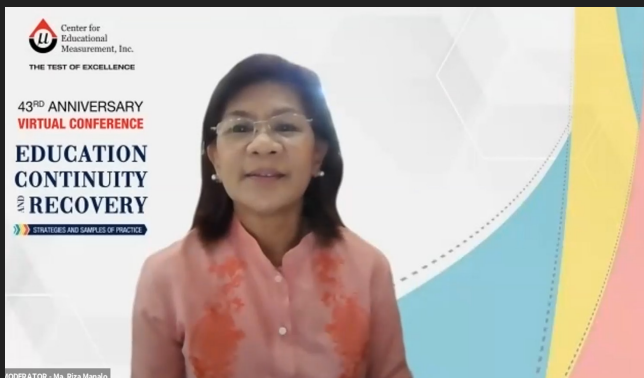
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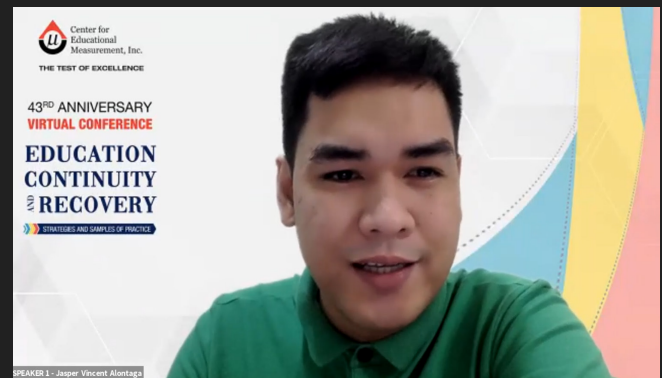
Father Salazar leading the Invocation



Mr. Moseros introducing CEM Expanded Solutions



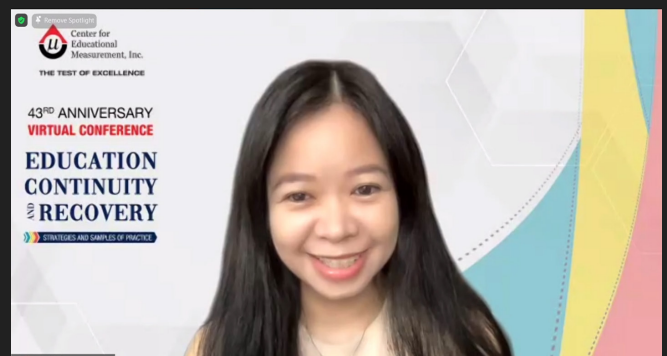
Dr. Manalo moderating the conference sessions



Dr. Alontaga during the first conference session



Ms. Manuel-Campos during the second conference session



Ms. Umandap during the third conference session

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Here are some comments from the participants of the CEM 43^d Anniversary Virtual Conference:

"Good balance of topics on pedagogy, technology, mental health"

I think they have been always giving their best every time they offer this kind of event. So, keep it up and I hope the topics in the future would still be helpful to us and things that we can really relate well.

"Continue the learning sessions and the systematic process of participating in the events"

"Continue assisting us in the field through this effective, efficient, and timely webinars."

"It was well planned! Speakers invited were exemplars. Topics presented were very relevant to the present time. Congratulations to the CEM family!"

"I don't have any suggestions, because you are always doing great. Thank you for sharing events like this for free. Good luck and more power CEM."

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