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Welcome FY 2021-2022

Another fiscal year (June 2020-May 2021) has unfolded for CEM—a period of rapid adaptation for our organization but also a year of significant results.

This pandemic year has witnessed how our teams diversified and evolved into stronger and more adaptive individuals that despite these challenging times, we were able to rise up and deliver relevant services.

We were able to operate online by transforming our available tests into **online assessments** using a state-of-the-art testing platform and protocols. In fact, we administered the country's first-ever large-scale online assessment—**NMAT Online**. We have also launched the **CEM CPD Online**, a learning management system

where we offer free Online Professional Development Services to our stakeholders, earning us various PRC-accredited webinars. These have paved the way for us being a NEAP Authorized Learning Service Provider (LSP).

The year 2020 also marked our **42nd founding anniversary** and we celebrated it through a Virtual Conference Series with the theme *Education Reimagined: Starting and Sustaining New Approaches to Learning*. In addition, we fortified our online presence by publishing **online newsletter and YouTube contents** related to assessment and education. We were also engaged in new **studies involving large data**.

To keep the high morale of our employees, we designed various **employee engagement activities and professional development opportunities**. We put a premium on our safety and health so we strengthened our **Occupational Safety and Health program**. And we exist to give back to the sector we serve, by accomplishing another **corporate social responsibility project**—*CEM Storytelling and Reading Outreach Activity Year 3*.

This pandemic situation is far from over but we move forward and continue to learn from this unprecedented challenge by developing crisis-sensitive and risk-informed plans and actions for a safe and better service to education and humanity.



CEM New Board Members and Corporators

CEM welcomes the newest members of its *Board of Trustees* as well as its new *Corporators* starting 1 June 2021.



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Sincerest gratitude is also extended to **Dr. Manuel T. Corpus** and **Dr. Reynaldo C. Bautista**, whose terms of office ended last 31 May 2021, for their invaluable guidance and remarkable service to the organization as exemplary members of the CEM Board of Trustees for many years.

CEM Joins Roundtable Discussion on Classroom Assessment, Principles and Practices with DepEd

CEM's Director for Programs and Development, **Ms. Kathryn M. Tan** recently attended a roundtable discussion on *Classroom Assessment, Principles and Practices* on 25 June 2021, 9:00 AM via MS Teams.

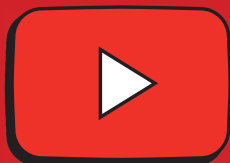
This gathering was hosted by the **Bureau of Learning Delivery-Teaching and Learning Division (BLD-TLD)**, in partnership with

the **National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP)** and attended by DepEd Officials and other stakeholders. Some of the major points discussed were the following:

- Remote Assessment
- Country Examples of Different Technology Solutions during COVID-19
- Considerations for Classroom Assessment Implementation on the School Reopening Process

Mr. Diego Luna-Bazaldua, an Education Specialist from the World Bank whose work covers building capacity in the development of psychological and educational assessments also joined in the discussion.

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Online Test Taking Tips



Taking an examination, whether through the traditional pen-and-paper or online modality, can be stressful especially if the outcome of such assessment could significantly impact your academic or career decisions. Acing a test is not only dependent on your abilities but proper planning and preparations could also contribute to your success. Here are some tips that could help you in your online examinations:

1. Confirm Schedule

Verify your test schedule and log in at least 10 minutes before the start of the test and choose a good spot clear of distractions.

2. Secure Device and Internet Connection

Check out the computer you will be using ahead of time and verify that it has meet the hardware and software requirements of the test platform. Make sure that you have a reliable internet connection, preferably a wired or broadband wireless one.

3. Be Familiar

Read and understand the test guidelines and go over instructions and reminders thoroughly. Be familiar with the test format and take practice exams if available.

4. Answer Carefully

Read the test items and other details completely. Try to rephrase test questions that you find overly complicated. If you are not sure about the answer to a multiple-choice question, use the process of elimination to boost your chances of getting it right.

5. Keep Moving

If you do not know an answer right away, mark the question and come back to it if you have time at the end. Fretting over a single question can cost you time for the rest of the test. Keep an eye on the clock and make sure you are keeping a steady pace.

6. Review Your Answers

It is important to save a few minutes for reviewing your answers at the end of the test. Make sure to submit your answers before leaving the test page or the online platform. Do NOT close your browser or refresh the page until you know your submission was accepted. Depending on the platform, a message may appear to acknowledge submission or you may be redirected to a new page.

7. Stay Calm with Technical Issues

If you ever experience a glitch in the testing platform, stay calm and contact your proctor for help right away. Remember to give details on the exact problem that occurred and any error messages you might have received.

8. Wait for Test Results

For some online tests, scores are reported right after the test, otherwise watch out for announcements on the release of your scores. And stay positive.

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