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Regional Update: Philippines and Hong Kong SAR

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Philippines Country Report

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A brief introduction

- There are 44,931 public schools and 12,162 private schools in the Philippines
- Private schools are not funded by the government and many started as missionary or Christian schools
- ENGLISH is the medium of instruction at all levels

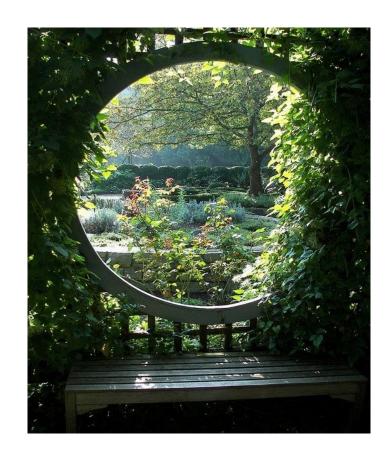






Challenges

- Mental health of students and teachers
- Lack of teacher support
- Mass promotion
- Lack of proper assessment







Opportunities—why study in the Philippines?

- Low cost of living
- Affordable tuition fees
- Easy visa access
- World-class education
- Rich culture with a diverse population







Future directions: Awareness & action

- Gender equality, diversity, inclusion
- Quality education (inclusive, equitable, lifelong learning); UN SDG 4, 16, 17
- Prioritizing wellness (physical, mental and psycho/spiritual dimensions)
- Future of work: Hybrid work and strong inclusion; redefining retirement













