

# Enhancing Technology Integration Practices for Philippine STEAM Education

Education 4.0 calibrates the learning system with emphasis on blending of virtual and cyber-physical worlds. In addition, Education 4.0 poses STEAM Educators to adapt address the demands especially in the area of technology integration inside a STEAM Classroom. In 2015, the Philippine ranks 98th in the ICT development Index, which is used to monitor and compare developments in information and communication technology (ICT) between countries and over time. However, there are still some barriers to technology integration. Thus, this brief reports the technology integration practices of Philippine STEAM educators grounded on development of a self-rating proficiency indicator for STEAM educators grounded on technology integration model for Philippine STEAM Education.

Source: Measuring the Information Society Report 2015 Executive Summary

Economy	Rank	IDI	Rank	IDI	Economy
	2015	2015	2010	2010	Economy
Korea (Rep.)	1	8.93	1	8.64	Suriname
Denmark	2	8.88	4	8.18	St. Lucia
Iceland	3	8.86	3	8.19	Seychelles
United Kingdom	4	8.75	10	7.62	South Africa
Sweden	5	8.67	2	8.43	Panama
Luxembourg	6	8.59	8	7.82	Ecuador
Switzerland	7	8.56	12	7.60	Iran (I.R.)
Netherlands	8	8.53	7	7.82	Jordan
Hong Kong, China	9	8.52	13	7.41	Tunisia
Norway	10	8.49	5	8.16	Albania
Japan	11	8.47	9	7.73	Mexico
Finland	12	8.36	6	7.96	Cape Verde
Australia	13	8.29	15	7.32	Kyrgyzstan
Germany	14	8.22	17	7.28	Philippines
United States	15	8.19	16	7.30	Morocco
New Zealand	16	8.14	19	7.17	Egypt
France	17	8.12	18	7.22	Fiji
Monaco	18	8.10	22	7.01	Viet Nam
Singapore	19	8.08	11	7.62	Dominican Rep.
Estonia	20	8.05	25	6.70	Peru
Belgium	21	7.88	24	6.76	Jamaica
Ireland	22	7.82	20	7.04	El Salvador
Canada	23	7.76	21	7.03	Bolivia
Macao, China	24	7.73	14	7.38	Indonesia
Austria	25	7.67	23	6.90	Ghana
Spain	26	7.66	30	6.53	Tongo
Bahrain	27	7.63	48	5.42	Botswana
Andorra	28	7.60	29	6.60	Paraguay
Barbados	29	7.57	38	6.04	Algeria
Malta	30	7.52	28	6.67	Guyana
Qatar	31	7,44	37	6.10	Sri Lanka
United Arab Emirates	32	7.32	49	5.38	Belize
Slovenia	33	7.23	27	6.69	Syria
Czech Republic	34	7.21	33	6.30	Namibia
Israel	35	7.19	26	6.69	Bhutan
Belarus	36	7.18	50	5.30	Honduras
Latvia	37	7.16	34	6.22	Guatemala
Italy	38	7.12	31	6.38	Samoa
Greece	39	7.09	35	6.20	Nicaragua
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Suriname	85	4.99	100	3,39
St. Lucia	86	4.98	70	4.39
Sevchelles	87	4.96	81	3.98
South Africa	88	4.90	88	3,65
Panama	89	4.87	79	4.07
Ecuador	90	4.81	90	3.65
Iran (I.R.)	91	4.79	99	3.4
Jordan	92	4.75	84	3.83
Tunisia	93	4.73	93	3.6
Albania	94	4.73	89	3.6
Mexico	95	4.68	86	3.70
Cape Verde	96	4.62	107	3.14
Kyngyzstan	97	4.62	112	3.0
Philippines	98	4.57	105	3.1
Morocco	99	4.47	96	3.5
Egypt	100	4.40	98	3.4
FIII	101	4.33	102	3.2
Viet Nam	102	4.28	94	3.6
Dominican Rep.	103	4.26	101	3.3
Peru	104	4.26	91	3.6
Jamaica	105	4.23	95	3.6
El Salvador	106	4.20	110	3.1
Bolivia	107	4.08	113	3.0
Indonesia	108	3.94	109	3.1
Ghana	109	3.90	130	1.9
Tonga	110	3.82	111	3.0
Botswana	111	3.82	117	2.8
Paraguay	112	3.79	108	3.1
Algeria	113	3.71	114	2.9
Guyana	114	3.65	103	3.2
Sri Lanka	115	3.64	115	2.9
Belize	116	3,56	104	3.1
Svria	117	3.48	106	3.1
Namibia	118	3.41	120	2.6
Bhutan	119	3.35	128	2.0
Honduras	120	3.33	116	2.9
Guatemala	121	3.26	118	2.8
Samoa	122	3.11	121	2.4
Nicaragua	123	3.04	123	2.4
Varnes	124	3.02	126	2.0

Figure 1. IDI ov erall rankings and ratings, 2015 and 2010

"The technology integration model provides the framework on how technology integration is reflected to achieve auality STEAM education."

# At a glance

The current technology integration practices of STEAM educators are centered on the use of multimedia in their STEAM lessons. These technology integration practices of STEAM educators are profiled based on the frameworks of TPACK, SAMR (Substitute, Augment, Modify, Redefine), and Triple E (Engage, Enhance, Extend) through a country-wide survey investigation. Further analysis modelled the technology integration of Philippine STEAM educators.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Technology integration practices in Philippine STEAM Higher Education is young compared to country counterparts as indicated by the analyzed practices in terms of the different technology integration frameworks (TIM, Triple E, SAMR, TPACK).

The crafted technology integration model features the three interrelated variables: teacher technological knowledge, institutional support, and the outcomes, to produce STEAM learners/professionals. The model suggests relevant and quality professional development programs to capacitate the STEAM teachers in terms of technology integration and support from the institution. The model is aligned to the PSGs of STEAM disciplines, TPACK model and the PPST.

#### **KEY MESSAGES**

- ✓ Improvisation of tools and equipment is considered one best practice to integrate and augment usability and availability construct of technology integration of STEAM teachers.
- ✓ There is a need for sophisticated and complicated tools to increase technology engagements in STEAM disciplines especially in the sciences and agrifisheries.
- ✓ The model intends to provide opportunities for the STEAM educators to update or adapt to new technology used in the classroom and provide opportunities to capacitate STEAM educators
- √ The Technology Integration Model has three major teacher technological institutional support, and the outcomes – to produce STEAM learner professional

### **POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. Prioritize budget appropriations from legislative, budget and finance agencies of the government by giving capital outlay to State Colleges and Universities (SUCs) to create programs that require to build technology-related infrastructure and other related technology necessities to further promote quality STEAM education and produce STEAM professionals in the country.
- 2. Focus on the faculty development programs of the SUCs by providing teacher trainings and other building programs to enhance the technology integration practices of many STEAM educators
- **3.** Craft memorandum orders for SUCs to conduct technology integration-driven researches and other innovative programs for STEAM education including giving state grants or other forms of financial support to SUCs to further the technological advancements for STEAM education in the country.
- **4.** Expand the STEAM teachers benefits (e.g., 20% discount on the purchase of school, and STEAMrelated devices) to address technological affordances.

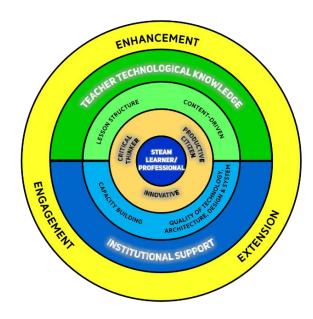


Figure 2. Responsive Technology Integration Model

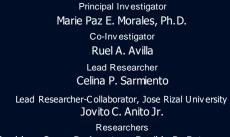
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