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Bill Balsamo
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“Providing outreach programs, basic nutrition and health education as well as teacher training seminars or workshops that are relevant and practical for educators.”

From Peter Wanner
Founder BOLT
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February 22, 2014 BOLT, E3F, the Lions Club, and Pasig University held a highly stimulating faculty development session on Content Based English Instruction for the Pasig University faculty at Pasig University, Philippines. Furthermore, a workshop on Fluent English Speech was given to Pasig students of the Lions Club. The event was held at Pasig University and consisted of a full day of sessions by various lecturers including special speakers from abroad.



The faculty development session was offered for faculty as they prepare for the coming integration of grades K-12 instead of the current K-10 program that should be in full implementation by June 2016. As students will get the opportunity to pursue further instruction for two more years bringing it up to the international standard of 12 years of education prior to entering college, it is necessary to insure that the English curriculum incorporates the required subjects and areas of specialization before entering into college. Furthermore, it is necessary to start the Philippine University courses at a higher level for initial entrance.



Dr. Peter Wanner



Dr. April Alcazar



Mr. Ding Renon

There were five main speakers for the faculty development sessions. First, Dr. Peter Wanner discussed the current implementation of Content Based Instruction (CBI) programs in primary through tertiary schools all around Asia and the importance of Philippines also keeping pace with the international trend. He explained that K-12 is in place in most developing countries that have moved up the ladder of the Human Development Index and the importance it has played in the economy of those countries. Furthermore, he introduced ways that a full CBI program could improve the status of the Philippines in the future.



The second speaker was Dr. Steven Gershon and he discussed methods and ways to guarantee vocabulary development of students through CBI. He introduced various strategies for learning and retaining vocabulary effectively that even faculty could use to improve their English fluency.

The third speaker, Dr. April Alcazar, president of Pasig University, also spoke on the importance of implementation of the K-12 program and how it would affect the curriculum standards of Pasig University itself.

The fourth speaker was Daniel Minor emphasizing and explaining how to develop significant information to improve classroom instruction through surveys. He explained how dynamics of the classroom as well as improvement of classroom management can be attained.

The fifth speaker was Michael Carroll and he talked about how to enhance classroom instruction through active participation using various strategies. Active participation helps increase vocabulary development as well as communication techniques for students in the class.





While the faculty had workshops, Dr. Peter John Wanner, Ms. Magnolia Weber Koh, and Dr. April Alcazar also gave workshops to the selective students of the Pasig Lions Club. The President of the Pasig Lions Club also spoke to the students about how to improve their speaking skills in English, especially in public speaking. Initially, the students had workshops on how to present themselves when speaking in English, especially in front of an audience. After the three workshops in which students did various activities, they did individual presentations in front of the workshop presenters and were given critique on which to build their individual speaking skills.





For some students, this was their first time to present in front of a panel of judges. The workshop presenters commented that they felt the students had learned some basic skills for speaking and organizing their speeches, but this was only the beginning of their journey towards more fluent speaking through possibly future opportunities in school, organizations, and business.





The overall implementation of the special small seminars and workshops for both the faculty and the students at Pasig University was highly successful. In the future, further workshops in other related fields for education should be possible.





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