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CORONAVIRUS MAKES THE WORK FROM HOME NEW NORMAL

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Work must go on!

The coronavirus was declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020. In response, the Philippine government announced a community lockdown to break the chain of infection and slow the spread of the virus. During the lockdown, people are not allowed to travel or go outside their households. The economy suffered a deep recession due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,

“The COVID-19 pandemic has turned the world of work upside down. Every worker, every business, and every corner of the globe has been affected,” said UN Secretary General, António Guterres.

Fortunately, companies doing the traditional way of business respond to the dictate of the new normal. Although we were caught off guard still employees embraced the new setting especially among jobs that can be performed online such as customer care representative, online educators, virtual assistant, marketing consultant, and web developer.

Working in the comfort of one’s home has numerous benefits that include flexibility in schedule, more time to take care of the family, fewer expenses, and increased productivity. Employees also save time from commuting to and from the office especially during rush hours.

On the other hand, working from home has a drawback that affects employees’ productivity. These include limited workspace, lack of gadgets, poor connectivity, obstructions in the environment, and burnout.

No system in this world is perfect. Everything has its benefits and drawbacks. All we must do is learn to adapt and adjust to every situation. Whether we execute our task at home or the workplace what is significant is we give our best for the service of others.

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