Panel 1.5: Education Past and Future

Looking through the Eyes of Educator Dr. Victor M. Ordonez

This paper reviews the speeches and articles of Dr. Ordonez over ten years ending in 2009 on education paradigms for the 21st century. Aside from his broad perspective from years as Philippine Undersecretary of Education, UNESCO head of Education for All, UNESCO Director for Asia Pacific, East West Center Senior Education Fellow, his visits to local and international education institutes have given him pearls of wisdom not often enough shared. Now is an opportunity to do so. His recently published book "Education Paradigms for the 21st Century" challenges the audience to reflect and take action on the themes and insights he provides: the digital divide, the gap between rich and poor learners, the differences between researchers and policy makers, the quest to deepen Delors pillars beyond "learning to know," and the need to re-shape curricular content. This paper is enhanced by more recent experiences and inputs from other education experts.