



MESSAGE

On this **International Literacy Day 2020**, the Climate Change Commission pays tribute to Filipino educators for their crucial role in reimagining learning strategies to advance literacy in the country amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the current health crisis brings unprecedented challenges to the education sector, we echo the call to equip teachers with the necessary skills and tools to meet the demands of digital and distance learning in the new normal.

We also call on policymakers, advocates, and the civil society to continue working toward a more inclusive and more equitable education system that provides equal access to quality educational resources and technology for all.

Moreover, we reiterate our commitment to work with the education sector in integrating climate literacy into the K-12 curriculum. With the reality of a changing climate, degrading environment, and their ensuing impacts on public health, the need for a comprehensive environmental and climate education has never been greater.

Together, let us rethink the future of education and make it more responsive to the emerging needs of both our students and our educators.

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