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The Asian Institute for Distance Education Inc. (AIDE), the longest stand alone distance education institution in the country is currently exploring the possibility of offering short courses on Culture and Arts in collaboration with the Dalubhasaan ng Edukasyon sa Sining at Kultura (DESK) and Tanghalang Pilipino (TP).

TP is a non-stock, non-profit organization which is created to promote the cultural enrichment of the Filipino people.

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## **AIDE explores the offering of Culture and Arts Courses**



Representatives from Tanghalang Pilipino (TP) and Dalubhasaan ng Edukasyon sa Sining at Kultura (DESK) getting familiar with the Learner Management System (LMS) of AIDE in one of their meetings last August 2018.

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*“.....not a few of us here had any opportunity before to earn a college degree... having a diploma after all, is a requisite in aiming for a successful career....”*

—Medeliza T. Gonzaga  
AB English Graduate  
Batch 2011

## **GONZAGA: Grateful to earn a College Degree thru AIDE**

Looking into the testimonies of our graduates, we would like to feature the graduation speech of Ms. Medeliza Gonzaga who took AB English course from AIDE and graduated in the year 2011.

An excerpt from the graduation speech of Ms. Gonzaga narrates how grateful she is for the opportunity given her to earn a College degree through AIDE, it reads:

*“I feel deeply honored to welcome all of you and for having been given this opportunity to speak before a gathering on this meaningful and much awaited in the life of every student and to feel with us the joy and happiness of our success and fulfillment – Graduation Day.*

*I say meaningful because, today, as graduates, we reap the fruits of our labor. The time spent for pouring over countless modules, reference books and searching for materials*



**Gonzaga, Medeliza T.**

AB-English

Date Graduated: Feb. 3, 2011

*in the internet, and reviewing for and taking the final examinations have come to an end. We have surmounted all the struggles and difficulties that go with student life. And now, we are indeed very glad to have finally achieved our long cherished dreams for having successfully completed a course leading to our chosen field of endeavor. This is undoubtedly the result of our incessant toil, patience and determination.*

*I say much awaited because not a few of us here had any opportunity before to earn a college degree*  
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## AIDE explores the offering of Culture and Arts Courses



TP also aims to encourage the advancement of Pilipino as the dominant medium of artistic and literary expression in playwriting and other forms of artistic endeavors by staging theatre productions in Pilipino, both traditional and contemporary and by establishing a training institute for theater talents proficient in the use of Pilipino as a principal mode of communication and as vehicle for projecting human experience.

Talks between AIDE and TP on the possible

collaboration to offer short courses on Arts and Culture has been going on since 2017. This is to fully define the mechanics and guidelines of the partnership.

The courses to be offered, the content, the writing of learning materials are among those that were fine-tuned and clarified. Also, the laying down of terms of reference of each parties, the teachers, mode of delivery and validation are also among the important things that were discussed and settled.

The offering of short courses on Arts by AIDE is among its core competencies. It must be noted that in the early 80's, AIDE is among the few higher education institutions which initially offered Liberal Arts and Associate in Arts courses leading to Bachelor of Arts course. Its permit to offer these courses were granted by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports in 1985 (*Refer to Page 4*)

This partnership is aimed at propagating, enriching and preserving the Filipino cultural heritage.

## GONZAGA: Grateful to earn a College Degree thru AIDE

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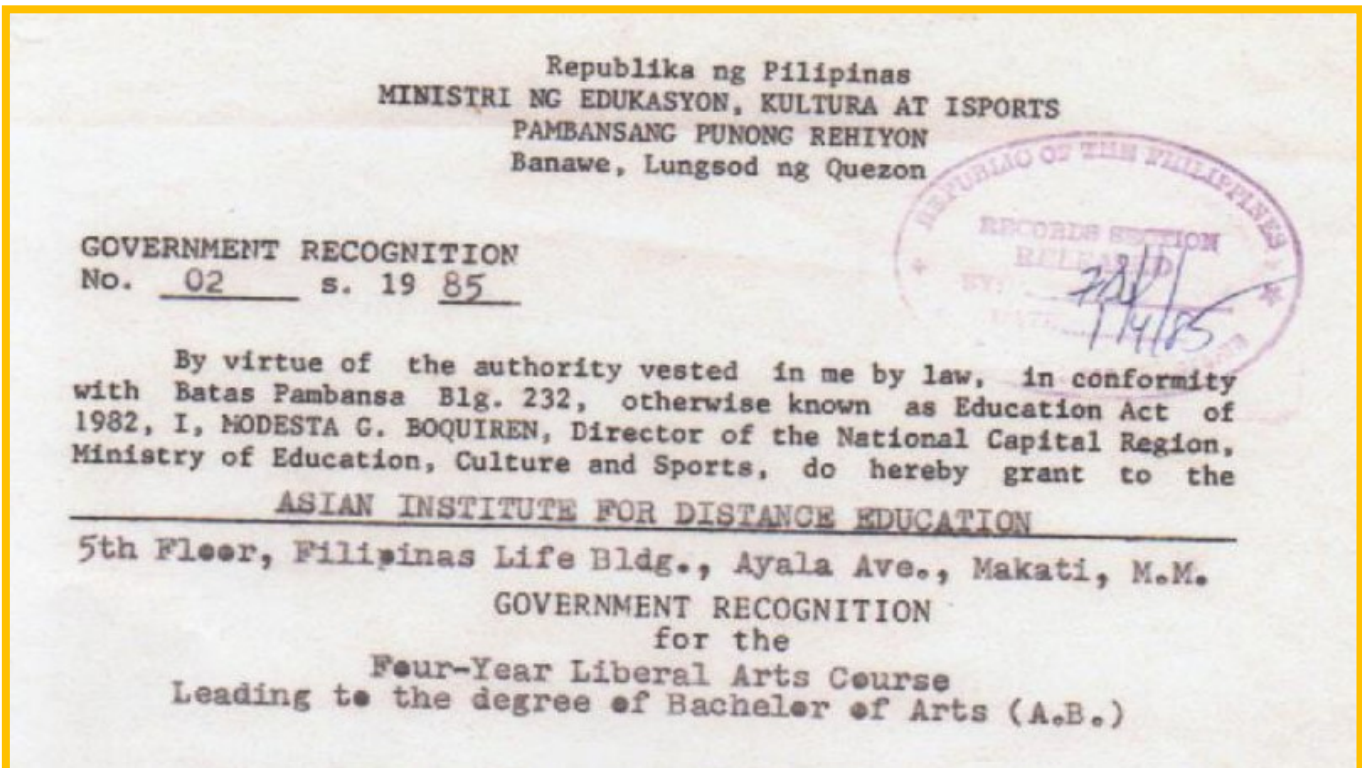
*either some opted to work because there was a need to help augment the family income or there was lack of interest to pursue higher studies back then and it was only later on that some of us realized that having a diploma after all, is a requisite in aiming for a successful career.*

*Of course, we have the good Lord to thank for all the blessings he has showered upon us, our ever supported parents, spouses, children, relatives, bosses, co-workers, and friends and certainly not the least, the Asian Institute for Distance Education for facilitating our quest for higher education and therefore realizing our dream of having a college diploma.*

*Again, my warmest welcome and unceasing gratitude for the opportunity you have bestowed upon us today.*

*Thank you and God Bless us all."*

Truly, many Filipinos have been deprived of the opportunity to continue schooling and obtain a College Diploma. Likewise, only few will take bolder steps to continue College in spite of their age and other forms of barriers. This is the very reason why AIDE was institutionalized and has been successfully operating since the early 80's. That is, not only to propagate the cause of open and distance learning in the country but also to provide greater access to many Filipinos who were not able to finish college previously.



### DO YOU KNOW THAT??

On January 4, 1985, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports (MECS) granted the Asian Institute for Distance Education (AIDE) Government Recognition No. 2 s. 1985 for the four-year Liberal Arts Course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts (A.B.) which was signed by Modesta G. Boquiren, Director for National Capital Region (NCR). Said Government Program Recognition is seen above.