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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Alexander S. Acosta, Ph.D. He was born on July 15, 1970 in Cebu, Philippines. Graduated Cum Laude with the degree of Bachelor in Elementary Education, major in English at the University of the Visayas, Cebu, Philippines in 1990. He finished his Master's Degree program majoring in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) at Cebu Normal University, Cebu, Philippines in 2000. A Doctor of Philosophy Major in Educational Management graduate in 2010 at the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines and got the highest award of his dissertation as Summa Cum Laude. He is currently working as school principal of the Philippine School Doha, State of Qatar for fifteen (15) years. Has been a resource speaker in the field of leadership and of education. He is keen to conducting research studies in both corporate and educational leadership and pedagogical approaches in education. Has published and co-authored researches that were accepted for paper publication and presentation in international conferences and fora.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Ph.D. in Educational Management - 2010
University of Sto. Tomas – Manila, Philippines (Summa cum Laude)

MA in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) - 2000
Cebu Normal University – Cebu, Philippines

Bachelor in Elementary Education major in English - 1990
University of the Visayas – Cebu, Philippines (Cum Laude)

Certificate of Human Resource Management
College of the North Atlantic-Qatar, Doha – 2008

Professional Certification
Passed the Professional Board Examination for Teachers
Teacher Certification – CHED, Philippines

POSITIONS HELD IN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

School Principal, Philippine School Doha, Doha, Qatar - 2002 to present
School Principal, Pioneers International Private School, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 2001-2002
Assistant Principal, PISCO Private School, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 2000-2002
English Teacher, PISCO Private School, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 1995-2000
ESL Instructor, Al Khwarizmi Computer Centre, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 1996-1997
English Teacher, Lipata Central School, Minglanilla, Cebu, Philippines, 1990-1995

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chairman of Qatar National Schools Accreditation (QNSA) for Philippine School Doha

Research Adviser & Co-Authorship to MAED, MBA, PH.D. ED.D. students' research/thesis and dissertation

- Has advised a research paper on Communication Change for an MBA candidate of Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham Business School, UK (2013)
- Has advised 17 MBA candidates of PCU-Graduate School Middle East Extension, for their thesis writing (2014)
- Has advised 7 MAED candidates of TUP, in their thesis writing (2014).
- Currently advising a Ph.D. candidate of Aden University, UK (2014).
- Has advised 10 MM candidates and 5 MAED of TUP, in their thesis writing and 10 ED.D.-IEM candidates of TUP in their dissertation writing (2015).
- Resource Professor/Lecturer of Technical University of the Philippines, teaching Human Behavior and PCU-Graduate School Middle East Extension, teaching Management Research and Business Communication

**PRESENTATIONS,
LECTURES,
TRAININGS, &
SPEAKERSHIPS**

Speaker: 1st PSD Research Colloquium 2017, PSD Gymnasium, Doha, Qatar

Speaker: Conceptualizing Pedagogies for 21st Century Learners, Philippine Embassy in KSA, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, February 2017

Paper presenter: International Conference on Business, Education, Engineering, & Sciences (ICBEES 2016), Waldorf Astoria, Palm Jumeirah, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 25-28, 2016 – *Awarded as "Best in Oral Presentation"*

Speaker: 2nd APSO Conference, FEPS, Sharjah, UAE. 2016

Speaker: Conceptualizing Pedagogies for 21st Century Learners of PSD, Actualizing Learn Action Plan (LAP), and Interdisciplinary Project-Making, In-Service Training (INSET 2016), Philippine School Doha, Qatar

Presenter: Regional Summit of Filipinos in the Middle East and Africa. City Seasons Hotel, Port Saeed, Dubai, UAE, February 27, 2016

Paper presenter: "The Mediator's Role in Philippine Schools Overseas" presented at the 2nd International Conference on Psychological, Behavioral and Science - ICPBS2014, Geneva, Switzerland - *Paper has been awarded "Best Manuscript"*

Speaker: Reloading 21st Century Educators Towards Excellence, Association of the Filipino Educators, Doha, Qatar, 9 October 2015

Speaker: The Trends of School Publication Seminar-Workshop, Philippine School Doha, Qatar, August 14, 2015

Speaker: Exploring Research Priorities on Overseas Filipinos' Life and Work in the Middle

East, University of Asia and the Pacific, Ortigas Center, Pasig, City, May 11, 2015

Speaker: Thesis and Dissertation Writing Seminar-Workshop, Philippine School Doha, Qatar, August 21, 2015

Presenter: 3rd Global Summit of Filipinos in the Diaspora; "Vision and Action for the Filipino Diaspora 2015 and beyond", Manila, Hotel, Philippines, February 25-27, 2015

Speaker: The Role of APSO in the K to 12 Program; Second International Annual Conference, Association of Philippine Schools Overseas (APSO), November 13-15, 2014

Speaker: Curriculum Development, Association of Filipino Educators - Qatar, September 20, 2014

Panelists on the topic "Sharing of K-12 Experiences in the 11th Conference Philippine Schools Overseas (PSO) held in Makati, City, May 15-17, 2013

Lecturer: Embracing K to 12 with Meaning and Creativity, First International Conference, Philippine Schools Overseas Association of Principals and Teachers, Philippine School Doha, Qatar, February 7-8, 2013

Speaker: K to 12 Basic Education Seminar, PISCO Private School, United Arab Emirates, December 19-21, 2012

Speaker: First Leaders' Meeting of Philippine Schools Overseas Association of Principals and Teachers (PSOAPT); Philippine School Doha, Qatar, December 6-7, 2012

Speaker: "Realignment with the K+12 Curriculum" In-Service Training (INSET 2012): Embracing K + 12 with Meaning and Creativity, Philippine School Doha, Qatar, June 3-14, 2012

Paper presenter: Reflective Leadership, 2012 International Seminar Workshop on Negotiation and Management for School Principals and All Managers, Hotel Supreme Convention Plaza, Baguio City, May 22-24, 2012

Trainer, speaker, lecturer: "Enhancing K-12: Begin with the end mind", INSET 2013 / ESL to non-teaching staff and the Filipino community in the State of Qatar, 2012-2013

Paper presenter: Reflective Leadership, 3rd International Education Conference, Tarlac State University, Tarlac City, Philippines, May, 2011

Paper presenter: "From Emotional Flame to Moral Frame: A Phenomenology of Reflective Mediation Practice of Philippine Schools Overseas" 9th Conference of Philippine Schools Overseas, Bohol, Philippines – 2010

Workshop leader & speaker: Multiple Intelligence and Art of Questioning, University of Visayas Minglanilla Cebu, Philippines, March 5, 2010

Speaker: Understanding by Design (UBD) Philippine School Doha, Doha Qatar, June, 2010

Speaker: Art of Questioning, The First Day of School, and Test Construction, Philippine School Doha, June-2010

Trainer, Speaker: 2010-2012, an INSET trainer in various seminar-workshops for Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff like Embracing K+12 with "Meaning and Creativity" Business Communication Skills for Professionals and Managers, Multiple Intelligence Teaching Approach (MITA), Understanding by Design (UBD), Test Construction, The Art of Classroom Questioning, the First Day of School, Speech Improvement for Teachers, and Train the Trainers.

Academic Reactor on Understanding by Design (UBD), University of Sto. Tomas, College of Education España, Manila Philippines, February, 2010

Lecturer: Multiple Intelligence Teaching Approach (MITA) at Blessed Trinity School, Mango Avenue, Cebu City, May, 2010

JOURNALS & PUBLICATIONS

The Mediator's Role in Philippine Schools Overseas (PSO's)

Published at the International Journal of Social Science and Humanity. IJSSH 2015 Vol.5 (12): 1009-1016 ISSN: 2010-3646 DOI: 10.7763/IJSSH.2015.V5.596. DOI: 10.7763/IJSSH.2015.V5.596

When East Does Not Meet West: Understanding the Dynamics and Causality of Conflicts Syndrome in the Philippine Schools Overseas Accepted for Publication in the Asian Journal of Management Cases, Sage Publication, February 2010

Forces come in Pairs: Conflict Mediation as Science and Art in Philippine Schools Overseas (PSO's) Submitted for Publication in the Journal of Leadership Studies, Interwiley Science, February 2010

Understanding the Facets of Reflective Mediation Practice in the Philippine Schools Overseas (PSO's) Submitted for Publication in the Journal of School Psychology, Elsevier Science Journals, 2010

From Emotional Flame to Moral Frame: A Phenomenology of Reflective Mediation Practice of Philippine Schools Overseas Published at the 3rd International Education Conference, Tarlac State University, 2011

From Anxiety to Reality: Understanding the Lived-Experiences of Higher Education Institutions' Faculty on the Impact of the K-12 Implementation in the Philippine Education System Co-authored with Imee C. Acosta. Published at IJER, International Journal of Educational Research Vol. 4 No. 3 March 2016. ISSN: 2411-5681. www.ijern.com

A Qualitative Inquiry of K-12 Readiness among Faculty Members from Higher Education Institutions in the Philippines Co-authored with Imee C. Acosta. Published at Researchers World, Journal of Arts, Science, and Commerce. International Refereed Research Journal. ISSN: 2229-4686. DOI: 10.18843/rwjasc/v7i4/01

Teachers' Perceptions on Senior High School Readiness of Higher Education Institutions in the Philippine Co-authored with Imee C. Acosta. Published at Horizon Research Publishing, Universal Journal of Educational Research. ISSN: 2332-3205 (Print) ISSN: 2332-3213 (Online) DOI: 10.13189/ujer.2016.041024

Does Teacher Licensure Matter? Basic Education Reform in the Philippines Co-authored with Imee C. Acosta - Submitted at Macrothink Institute, International Journal of Education, ISSN: 1948-5476

In Pain and in Wail: The Effects of Workplace Abuses to Migrant Women Workers in Informal Employment Co-authored with Imee C. Acosta. Published at WEIGO, WIEGO Secretariat, Harvard University, 79 John F. Kennedy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA. <http://wiego.org/publications-resources/categories/7199>

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

13th Conference of Philippine Schools Overseas; "The 21 st Century Learning: Re-engineering Education for the New Millennium", The Legend Palawan, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan Philippines, May 13-15, 2015

11th Conference of Philippine Schools Overseas; "K to 12 and the Management of Change in Basic Education", Plaza Del Norte Hotel and Convention Center, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, May 6-9, 2014

Participated in a two-day professional development program entitled "Strategic Management of Growth Companies" at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, August 14-15, 2013

Revision of the Manual of Policies, Standards and Regulations for Philippine Schools Overseas, Tagaytay, City, Philippines, August 28-29, 2013

11th Conference of Philippine Schools Overseas, "Enhancing our Competitive Advantage", Makati City, Philippines, May 15-17, 2013

10th Conference of Philippine Schools Overseas, Iloilo City, Philippines, May 2-4, 2012.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Awarded by the Evaluation Institute of the Supreme Education Council as one of the top twenty (20) schools out of 139 schools in Doha, Qatar in recognition of the results achieved in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2009

- An active member of Young Performing Arts (YOPEA) group where he earned his BAYANI Presidential Citation Award. 2000
- Year 2000 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas, Manila, Philippines, December 15, 2000
- Outstanding Alumnus, University of the Visayas, May, 2015, College of Education
- Best Research Paper Presenter, "The Moderator's Role in the Philippine Schools Overseas (PSO's)", 2014 International Conference Psychological, Behavioral and Science - ICPBS2014, October 10-11, 2014, Geneva,
- Best Presenter Award from ICBEES (International Conference on Business, Education, Engineering, & Science), Waldorf Astoria, Dubai, UAE – 2016
- Awardee- Garbo sa Sugbo- Cebu Normal University-August, 2014
- Outstanding Delegates in the 2012 International Seminar Workshop On Negotiation and Management for School Principals and All Managers, May 22-24, 2012, Hotel Supreme Convention Plaza, May 22-24, 2012
- Outstanding Manglanillahon, April, 2010, Minglanilla Cebu

AFFILIATIONS

Vice President for External Affairs of the Philippine Schools Overseas Association of Principal and Teachers (PSOAPT) – 2013-2014

President, Association of Philippine Schools Overseas (APSO) – 2014 to present

President and Founder of the Association of Filipino Educators in Qatar (An organization of Filipino teachers in Doha, Qatar) 2013-2015

President for External Affairs, University of the Visayas Alumni Teachers' College – 2014 to present

Member, Toastmasters International Doha, Qatar Chapter

Member, Mixed Methods International Research Association (MMIRA)

Member, Qualitative Research Association of Malaysia (QRAM)

Member, International Association of Scholarly Publishers, Editors, and Researchers

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bantay Bata 163 from 2004 to present

Adapt a Hometown School

Luzon: Pugad Elementary School, Hagonoy, Bulacan, Philippines

Visayas: North City Central School, Toledo City, Calbasaan Elementary School, Minglanilla, Cebu

Panglao Cenral Elementary School, Bohol City, Philippines

Mindanao: De Oro Elementary School, Butuan City, Pareja Elementary School, Butuan

Spearheads the programs/events of the 46th - 50th (20012-20016) ASEAN Celebration in coordination with the Philippine Embassy and participated by the ASEAN Ambassadors in Doha, Qatar e.g. Vietnamese, Brunei, Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore

World Vision Philippines

AREAS OF INTERESTS

Interdisciplinary & Collaborative Research, Leadership & Management, Coordination, Organization, Interdisciplinary & Collaborative Teaching & Learning, Environmental Responsibility and Sustainability, Policy Formulation, Collaboration,