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Francis Jim Tuscano is currently the Grade School EdTech Coordinator at Xavier School-San Juan. As an education innovator, technology coach, and consultant, Jim is passionate about designing transformative learning experiences that enable learners to become active, reflective, and collaborative creators of knowledge.

A sought-after speaker and trainer, he has shared his expertise with teachers and school leaders in various conferences and workshops held in the Philippines and overseas, such as in Australia, Taiwan, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, and Qatar among others. In 2017, he was the first Filipino Global Teacher Prize finalist, the Nobel Prize of teaching by the Varkey Foundation based in the UK. His classroom innovations that focus on technology integration, PBL, makerspace, and STEAM have been recognized by various international institutions, such as HundrED in Finland. Jim was included in the 30-under-30 global list of literacy leaders of the International Literacy Association for 2019. In June 2022, Jim was honored by the International Society of Education Technology (ISTE) in the United States as one of the 20 to Watch edtech experts and educators honorees around the world.

As an Apple Distinguished Educator and digital learning consultant, Jim has helped and continues to work with leading EdTech and publishing companies, and local K-12 and higher education institutions in the country to carefully craft, implement, and sustain their school of the future vision, focusing not just on technology innovations but on transformative leadership, growth mindset, and

positive school culture.

He sits as a member of the National Basic Education Commission of the Catholic Educational Association in the Philippines and the advisory council of the Multidisciplinary Unit of the De La Salle-College of St. Benilde. At the onset of the pandemic, he has published three online remote learning toolkits with various education organizations, such as REX Education, the UNESCO and SEAMEO for Southeast Asia. He is also a course creator and facilitator for teacher's professional development online courses with Marshall Cavendish Education.

He is the founder of empowerED, an education advocacy platform that celebrates and elevates the teaching profession. The host of the empowerED Podcast, he interviews educators and discusses educational challenges and innovations. Recently, he co-founded the EdTech startup, Tagpros Education, an online learning platform for K-12 learners that is anchored on passion-based learning.