DIGITAL LITERACY 101
How to Fact-Check Misleading Information Like a Pro
In one beautiful day...
Oh no! We have so many pets in the family.

I have to let everyone know 'bout this!!

SAY WHAT!!? Pets can transmit COVID-19 virus to humans!!

Oh, no...

Does it mean that I have to stay away from my dog?

Where did you get that news?
I don't know my grandpa sent it to me.

hm, if so... it might be a fake news.

fake news?
look at this!!

Misinformation and disinformation are spreading during the pandemic, especially on the internet.
mis-information?

dis-information?

what are those?

Let me tell you the difference

mis-information

Information that is false but not created with the intention of causing harm.*

dis-information!

Lastly

mal-information

information that is false and deliberately created to harm someone else or the community.*

information that is based on reality, used to inflict harm on someone else or the community.*

So, why is it important to know all these?

It's very important to have better understanding about mis-information, dis-information, and mal information, and the negative effects that it brings.

**During pandemic, the spread of fake news & hoaxes will not only create confusion, but also sow fear and distrust among people.**

**For example,** fake news about the danger of vaccines could make a lot of people hesitant to get vaccinated.
That sounds scary!!!

Is there anything we can do to prevent it?

Of course!

I call it...

Media and Information Literacy!

Media and Information Literacy (MIL) is the ability to access, search, critically assess, use and contribute content wisely, both offline & online.

MIL also means having good critical thinking skills!!
As a starter, you can spot fake news and prevent it from spreading by asking yourself these questions:

- Who wrote it?
- Is it sharing source of data and are they real?
- Can you confirm the sources or data when searching for them online?
- What makes you want to share it?

And, think... SHEEP before you share:

- Source: Is the source trusted?
- History: Is it reputable?
- Evidence: Is there enough evidence?
- Emotion: Is it inflammatory?
- Pictures: Is it portraying the right message?
If I received a suspicious news or info, how can I fact-check it or verify its source?

There are a couple of methods that you can try:

Google search
Check the context of images
Google fact check Explorer
Cross reference
Check the URL

If you want to cross-check your fact online, always visit reliable sources such as WHO or your government's official websites!
Thank you for the enlightenment!
I learned a lot today.

You're very welcome!

I think you need to have a chat with your grandpa regarding the fake news he sent to you.

Yeah, I'll talk to him tomorrow morning.
Morning, Grandpa!

Good morning.

btw, did you know that you sent me fake news yesterday?

I sent what?

Really?
I'm really sorry.
I didn't know it was fake news!

Don't worry, Grandpa.
If my friend didn't tell me about it, I wouldn't know either.

Media and Information Literacy?
It's very interesting! I'd be happy to teach a thing or two about MII.

Well, I suppose there's no such a thing as "too late" to learn new knowledge.

If you want.