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Wasting time of gaming? Now no more! With NFT games, every minute you spend would be worth a Coin!

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If you are a gamer of yourself, have you ever heard the inevitable questions at a young age from your parents? “Don’t you have something better to do?” “Stop wasting your time on something not beneficial for your future” Or “Do you think playing games will make money?” Well, now you could proudly ditch all the cynicism and start embracing the positive facts that today’s gaming paradigm means serious big business.

More than ever, the gaming industry, design, and ecosystems have shifted to more than a sense of pleasure and entertainment. Today, the gaming industry has the potential to offer the world’s cryptocurrency and blockchain which in return help a gamer to experience financial investment through the play-to-earn “P2E” mechanics.

As cited by Leah (2021), moving forward to the future now, we can’t deny the potential of video games for human development. As for how Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg have touted the educational benefits of video games, games such as Microsoft’s Minecraft are used to demonstrate engineering principles to the players.

Opinion

The NFT Game That Makes Cents for Filipinos During COVID

Axie Infinity, a NFT trading game running on Ethereum, has proven a pandemic lifeline for a small community north of Manila.

By Leah Callon-Butler



(Image: Axie player from Philippines)



Image: Axie Infinity from SkyMavis

“a mother, three young entrepreneurs, a recent college graduate, a pedicab driver, an elderly married couple and one of the first people in Cabanatuan City discover Axie Infinity” a moment was captured from the mini-documentary created by the crypto consulting firm Emfarsis and gaming company Yield Guild Games.

According to Christian (2021), as the Covid-19 pandemic hit the Philippines, people in Cabanatuan City north of Manila have found a unique way to ease the hardship brought on by lockdowns by playing video games. However, playing video games isn’t just for fun.

Filipino people have utilised the P2E Axie Infinity, a Blockchain-based video game, where people will earn a token and sell it inside the cryptocurrency for real currency. Axie Infinity is created by SkyMavis, from a Vietnam lab studio. Players buy and assemble NFT cute pets or Axie to battle one another in the battle arena with another player.

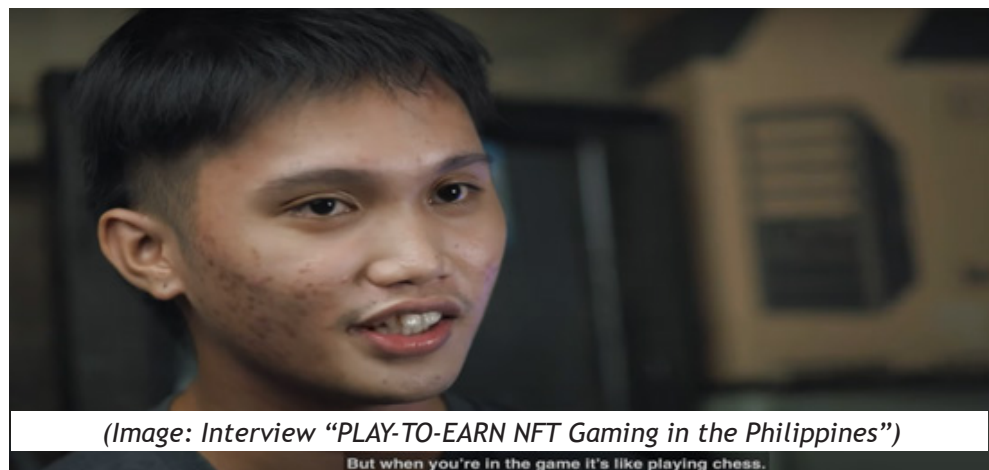
In addition, players will earn “Smooth Love Potion (SLP)” and Axie Infinity shards (AXS) cryptocurrencies by breeding, battling, and trading digital pets called Axies. By means, this cryptocurrency can be turned to RM or USD in exchange. What is NFT? Basically, it is represented as a cryptographically unique digital asset such as art, music, or cartoon pets, which can’t be replicated and are digitally scarce.

Based on the current market, SLP token is cost 0.00001732 ETH = ~MYR 0.333429 (As of writing) and AXS is cost 0.03 ETH= ~MYR 660.9 (As of writing). and AXS is on an upward monthly trajectory as it has increased 26.7% from RM521.59 since 1 month (30 days) ago.”



“When you’re in the game, it’s like playing chess. It’s a strategic game,” recent college graduate Howard said in the documentary.

According to Shotaro and Cliff (2021), a 20 year old university student from Pekanbaru, Indonesia, was able to earn around 10 million rupiahs (\$700) in the year when playing NFT games, “I’m able to spend that on daily campus needs, such as books or other equipment, and I tend to set aside some for deposit as future assets”.



In Malaysia, many crypto traders who realized this opportunity are also eager to swim into the NFT games and follow P2E mechanics to earn that “part-time” income too. Ee Wui Yang, an experienced gamer in Axie and a crypto entrepreneur, says that one can make RM1,000 to RM2,000 a month playing Axie two hours a day (Kuek, 2021).

According to the statistics data provided by Statista.com, the three most popular games with the highest number of players in the last 30 days were Alien Worlds (759,600), Axie Infinity (602,210), and Splinterlands (597,980). NFT games with the highest player count in the last 30 days as of October 2021. So, are you ready to have fun playing games and at the same time make some money? Kaching!

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