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Subject: ***Business Ethics and Social Responsibility***
Type of Activity: ☐ Concept Notes ☐ Skills: Exercise/Drill ☐ Illustration ☐ Performance Task ☐ Essay/Report ☐ Others: _____

Activity Title: **Classical Philosophies in Virtue Ethics III**
Learning Target: To discuss the classical philosophies in virtue ethics
References: *(Author, Title, Pages)*
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Aristotle, just like Socrates and Plato, was a significant ancient Greek philosopher. He was known in his time as "the man who knew everything" and was considered a master in diverse disciplines including Ethics. His writings have influenced virtually every avenue of human knowledge.

According to Aristotle, the only way to become virtuous is through practice. He illustrates that a virtuous person who does not exercise virtue is like a best athlete who just sits in the sideline and watches. He defines moral virtue as a disposition to behave in the right manner and that a truly virtuous person will naturally be inclined to behave appropriately and will have no need of rules.

In this *Concept of the Golden Mean,* he further emphasized the importance of moderation: that we achieve virtue by finding a middle ground, not by aiming for an extreme. The Golden Mean or Golden Middle Way is the desirable middle between two extremes, one of excess and the other of deficiency, which are vices. Listed below are some Golden Mean virtues.

Aristotle's Concept of the Golden Mean		
Deficiency (-)	**BALANCE**	**Excess (+)**
cowardice	courage	recklessness
stinginess	generosity	extravagance
humility	modesty	pride
sloth	ambition	greed
quarrelsome	friendship	flattery
indecisiveness	self-control	impulsiveness

Exercise:

1. A virtuous person who does not exercise virtue is just like a best athlete who just sits in the sideline and watches. Explain this statement in at most three sentences.
2. How would the concept of the Golden Mean be helpful to business organizations?