

# Policies of Ministry of Education

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## Philosophy

Police Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Thaksin Shinawatra has said about education that **"Education will lead to the building of people's vigour. Vigorous and knowledgeable people are powerful capital to fight with poverty."** "Emphases must be on distribution of benefits with equity, and on regards of people with difficulties, in order to provide quality education for everyone." **"Education is an important key, a starting element that is necessary in making poverty become past."**

The Pheu Thai Party Government shall take care of Thai people as family members and not hurt them nor misapply their money. On education, **student-centred approach** is committed. People's children will be taken care as ours, and teachers as our relatives.

Therefore, the Ministry of Education must look after people, no corruption, no cheating on students, no forcing on teachers and students to welcome executives if not necessary, no drugs distributed among our children.

We must relax rules and regulations and other tasks outside teaching-learning. We must get rid of money charges for post transfers or returns to home towns of teachers. Criteria in assessment of teachers must be clear, decreasing judgement. We must also decrease those debt tempting factors.

In education development, the Pheu Thai Party Government emphasizes the philosophy of **EQUITY and TECHNOLOGY** application. We will provide quality basic education for every youth in every area and creating higher education students as professionals.

## Policies

1. **Quality Education for Every Youth** The youth means children from kindergarten until completing upper secondary education. Youth must be provided with equal education opportunity everywhere in cities and upcountry, administered by public and private authorities. In doing

occupations after graduating the upper secondary education, they must be qualified workers; the government guarantees income of 300 baht per head per day.

- 2. Creating Students to be Professionals** The students means those in higher, vocational and post upper secondary education. After graduation, they must be professionals with guarantee of the government on income of 15,000 baht per month for bachelor degree graduates. They are targeted to be modern citizens of the world with diverse skills, global competitiveness, living in a knowledge-based society.

### **Enhancement of Educational Opportunities**

- 1. Opportunity to access resources, facilities, to get education equitably** Equity is not identified by location because most students live in upcountry with poverty, the government therefore has projects like
- **One Tablet per Child** Smart Thai children will take tablets to schools. The tablets will be distributed to primary children year 1 with free Wi-Fi in public areas.
  - **Learning Rooms** will be built in many areas and teachers paid by the government will teach primary students. Educational software and e-books will be installed to replace normal books to create e-learning and knowledge-based society.
  - **E-Education** Programmes and contents will be developed to change schools to life-long learning centres and promote efficient education using education systems that really serve the needs.
  - **Dreamed Primary and Secondary Schools to Excellent Higher Education** There will be School Board to hire talented principals and teachers with facilities for students like dormitories, school buses, bicycles, etc.
  - **Powerful Teachers** To develop potentials of teachers and educational personnel, solve debt problems, reduce expenses, increase income, enhance opportunities by training on morality,

home accounting, revise debt structure by incorporating informal debts into formal systems and increase sufficient additional income as well as enhance new opportunities

- **International Education Centres**
- **One School One Nurse** to look after children and also teach
- **Prototype School in Every District** to develop school potentials for excellence using telecommunication

**2. Opportunity to access financial resources** Students can learn without worries about finance, the Government has projects like

- **Smart Card** for basic education
- **Income Contingency Loan Programme**
- **Scholarship to Study Abroad (One District One Scholarship)**
- **Graduates' Endowment Fund** Thai people must settle with dignity; some do not know how to and have no property. The procedure will be to establish a fund in public and private universities, set up committee comprising lecturers and successful alumni, representatives of public and private authorities. This project is based on the idea that universities are producing graduates; knowledge is in universities; knowledge-based businessmen are more advantaged; therefore more entrepreneurs could be produced.

**3. Opportunity to Accumulate and Cultivate Skills** Students could grow up in activity-based leaning world.

- **Promoting Vocational Education** knowledge in practice, to be professionals
- **Fix It Centre** targeted to have enough centres to provide services for every community. Vocational students' skills are utilized to provide low cost maintenance for people in communities.
- **Genius Creation** Students could find their aptitudes in various fields.

- **One Music One Sport Two Languages** Competent youth are encouraged to join competitions at national and international levels. English, Chinese must be taught in atmosphere of language owners. Basic knowledge in Mathematics and Sciences must be strengthened.
  - **Curricular Revision** Learning by heart must be quitted, applying video links; evaluation must be modern and meet standard requirements.
  - 25 years up Thai citizens could **transfer experiences** to upper secondary education and learn full time, part time, to catch up with the world and children.
  - **Rajabhat Universities and Vocational Institutions** to find their own excellence and attach importance to knowledge in practice, professionalism. Then open for people to develop their additional skills in various fields according to their needs and aptitudes using income contingency loan.
- 4. Opportunity to Life-long Learning** To promote non-formal and informal education using libraries, museums, galleries, cultural centres
- **Sub-district Internet and Village Internet** (Community Learning Centres) an opportunity for people to find their aptitudes, learn anywhere, anytime, to further what they would like to do and for those who would like to change occupations.
  - **Creative Gathering Places for Students** providing computers, Wi-Fi, teachers.
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