

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE

The Prime Minister, President of the Council of Ministers

DECREES:

ARTICLE 1: The Ministry of National Education, Fine Arts, and Sports-Youth consists of:

- A. The Department of National Education and of Fine Arts administered directly under the Minister.
- B. The Department of Sports and Youth administered under the Secretary of State for Sports and Youth, who has been authorized by the Minister to make decisions concerning his Secretariat. He countersigns presidential decrees but not Royal Decrees.

ARTICLE 2: The organization of the Cabinet and the Direction General of Sports and of Youth had been specified by other presidential decrees.

ARTICLE 3: The Department of National Education and of Fine Arts consists of:

1. The Cabinet
2. The Direction General and its different services
3. The Rectorate and its different services
4. The Corps of Inspectors of Education
5. The Directions of National Education, Library and Museum, and Fine Arts.

ARTICLE 4: The attributions of each of these structures are fixed as follows:

I. Cabinet of the Minister

- Policy Office - Liaison with other departments - confidential matters.
- Audiences - Reception - Press - Honorary Division.
- Private Secretary - Courier of the Minister and of the Secretary of State.

II. Direction General of Education

- Control and coordinate the activities of all National Departments and the Internal Services of the Ministry.
- Control of the Teachers' Association.
- Functions of:

- a) National Council of Education
- b) Higher Council of Teaching
- c) Lao Academy
- d) National Committee for UNESCO
- e) Equivalence Committee for Certificates
- f) National Committee for Man and Space

The Director General is assisted in these functions by a Deputy Director General.

III. Rectorate

- Control of all institutions and schools, including students above the level of Baccalaureate or assimilated.
- Study the development of Higher Education according to the needs of the country and its resources, in coordination with the Department of Study and Planning.
- Liaison with the Department of Scholarships in matters concerning scholarships.

IV. The Corps of Inspectors of Education

- Organization of the Inspectors of Education of the Kingdom.

V. The Departments of National Education and Internal Services of the Ministry

Each Department of National Education and each of the Internal Services of the Ministry constitutes a link in the chain of the system of National Education adopted by Royal Ordinance dated July 30, 1962. Each department works in coordination with other departments and the Corps of Inspectors of Education especially in regard to programs, pedagogy, and administration of personnel.

A. The National Departments

1. Department of Primary and Adult Education

- Application of the 1962 Reform Act for the teaching of pre-schooling, primary, post-schooling, and adult education.
- Constant study of the programs and pedagogical curriculum in order to proceed to the necessary readjustments in collaboration with the National Pedagogical Center and in liaison with the Departments of Teacher Training and Secondary Education.
- School districts and establishment of schools.

- Administrative and pedagogic control of primary education in liaison with the Chiefs of Provincial Service and the Primary School Inspectors.
- In-service training program for personnel in liaison with the Department of Teacher Training and the National Pedagogic Center.

2. Department of Secondary Education

- Study the curriculum and application of the programs adopted by the Ministry of National Education in the spirit of the Reform Act of 1962.
- Administrative and pedagogic control of the establishments that depend on the Department in liaison with the Inspectors Generals of Education.
- Orientation of candidates to the scholarships abroad in liaison with the Department of Scholarships.

3. Department of Teacher Training

- Application of the Educational Reform Act in regard to the training of teaching personnel.
- Control of all normal schools and their training programs.
- Pedagogic research relating to teacher education in liaison with the National Pedagogic Center and other departments of the Ministry.
- Liaison with the Department of Scholarships in regard to scholarships assigned to the teaching profession.

4. Department of Technical and Professional Education

- Control of personnel and the teaching in the Technical and Professional Schools.
- Pedagogical research about these teachings in collaboration with the National Pedagogic Center.
- Liaison with organizations for economic development to improve the preparation of employment and to assure the opening of careers.
- Liaison with the Department of Scholarships in regard to scholarships.

5. Department of National Library and Museum

This Department is charged with all the questions concerning libraries:

- Organization and control of a research unit for historical documents of all nature.
- Centralization of these documents, either in the Library or in the Museum.
- Control of all Public Libraries (National, Regional, Municipal).
- Liaison with libraries that do not depend on the Lao Administration, but are opened to the public.
- Training of specialists necessary to these establishments.

All questions concerning the museums:

- Research in liaison with the Ministry of Cults and other research institutes for all ancient and contemporary artistic pieces before any Lao Art can be classified in the national inheritance.
- General research of all artistic or ethnographic documents that could be a deposit in a museum.
- Creation of museums conceived for application and conservation.

6. Department of Fine Arts

This Department is responsible for the organization and control of the institutions in charge of the preservation, teaching and the radiance of Music, Dance, applied Arts, Fine Arts, Architecture and the creation of Lao art.

E. Departments of Internal Services of the Ministry

1. Department of Administrative Affairs and of Personnel

General affairs of personnel - Statutes for personnel and teaching - Budget and finance - Control of the use of the educational budget - Preparation of the budget - Property and equipment of education.

2. Department of Materials and Educational Printing

Publication - Preparation of manuals and educational materials in general.

3. Department of Scholarships

Scholarships and aids, Social works - Central committee for scholarships.

4. Department of External Relations

International Relations - UNESCO, SEAMEO, RIHED and other foreign organizations.

5. Department of Private Education

Organization and administration of private education - Nationalization of the curriculum for private schools, pedagogical control of these schools in liaison with those responsible for each of the teaching areas.

6. Department of Study and Planning

- Study and planning in general.
- Coordination of pedagogical research with the National Pedagogical Center.
- Evaluation of the results of the Education Reform Act of 1962. (Integrated project of the plan cadre, the pilot projects such as Comprehensive Secondary Education, etc.)
- Statistics.

VI. General Provisions

ARTICLE 4: Organization of the Cabinet, the Direction General, the Rectorate as well as the various Departments, Inspections and Services will be done by a Ministerial Decree.

ARTICLE 6: The Director General and the Rector will benefit from the base pay and allowances in the nature granted by Articles 7 and 11 of Royal Ordinance No. 34 of February 18, 1957. The Chef Cabinet, the Deputy Director General, the Directors of National Services, the Directors of Internal Service of the Ministry, the Directors serving in the Rectorate and the Director of National Pedagogic Center are classified under Category A-1; the Assistant Directors, Chefs Division and the bursars are classified under Category A-2; the Chefs de Bureau and private secretaries are classified under Category B of Royal Ordinance No. 23 of February 18, 1957.

ARTICLE 7: The nomination to the positions of Director General, Rector, Deputy Director General, National Director and Director of Service are pronounced by Royal Ordinances.

The designation to other positions not specified by this present article will be done by Presidential or Ministerial Decrees.

ARTICLE 8: A person can be nominated to several other functions but he cannot take advantage of the wages because he is entitled to only the pay of one position.

ARTICLE 9: Presidential Decree No. 818/PC of December 25, 1967, concerning the organization of the Ministry of National Education is hereby abrogated.

ARTICLE 10: The Vice-President of the Council, Minister of National Education, Fine Arts, and Sports-Youth, the Minister of Finance and the Director of the Cabinet of the Presidency of the Council are charged, each in his jurisdiction, in the execution of this present decree.

Vientiane, June 28, 1973

Signed: Prince SOUVANNA PHOUMA
(Chao Krommina)