

Presidential Decree

I. General Provisions

Article 1. As of July 1, 1973, a national public establishment, named the "National Educational Research Center," was created. This establishment is directed by a National Director under the authority of the Director General of Education.

Article 2. The Center, in accordance with a project approved by the Minister of National Education, will provide for research, in particular applied research, in education at all levels. It will assist with experiments conducted in educational establishments concerning educational training, pre-service and in-service training of teachers. It will distribute educational materials and assure the adaptation and preparation of teaching aids for teachers and students.

II. Organization and Operation

Article 3. The Center will be administered by an administrative committee and directed by a director, assisted by a secretariat and teams of educational professor-trainers in the field of education.

Article 4. The Administrative Committee will be composed of:

- The Director General of Education President
- The Department Heads Members
- The Director of Program Studies and Planning... Member
- The Director of Materials and School Publications Member
- The Director of the Center

Representatives of the technical departments of the Center, as well as any other person whom the President considers useful, will be invited to serve as consultants at meetings of the Committee.

Article 5. The Administrative Committee will meet regularly once a year on call by the President or on request by the Minister of National Education or the Director of the Center.

Article 6. The Administrative Committee will consider the following matters:

The operation of the Center and determination of objectives

Activity programs for the Center

Annual report on activity, prepared by the Director.

It will advise on all important questions which are submitted to it by the Minister of National Education, by the President, and by the Director.

A report on the minutes of each meeting will be submitted to the Minister of National Education.

Article 7. The Director of the Center will be appointed by Royal Ordinance based on proposal by the Minister of National Education.

The Director will represent the Center and will assure its administrative, technical, and financial responsibility. Based on his duties, he will be classified in Category A-1.

Article 8. The Center will consist of:

1. A secretariat for administrative and financial affairs
2. Four technical departments which are:

2-a. Department of Studies, Research and Evaluation with activities including the following:

Problems of Ladisation

Preparation, adaptation, and evaluation of curriculums

Testing System

This department will have consultative power in relationship to the preparation and adaptation of curriculums and examinations.

2 b. Department of Educational Assistance, with responsibility to organize seminars, in-service training, refresher courses in the Center or in the educational establishments.

Assure eventually a permanent liaison between the institutions and the teachers through an educational journal, radio, and television.

2 c. Department of Documentation, responsible for educational materials and the library.

2 d. Department for the Production of Instructional Materials for teachers and students.

Article 9. The Chief of the Secretariat is classified, based on his duties, in Category E.

The personnel of the technical services will be selected from professors in service who will work part-time at the Center.

Article 10. The Vice-President of the Council, Minister of National Education, Fine Arts and Sports Youth, the Minister of Finance and the Cabinet Director of the Presidency of the Council are charged, each according to his responsibility, to implement the decree.

Signed: Prince Souvanna Phouma
(Chao Krommana)

Prime Minister, President of the Council

The Vice-President of the Council,
Minister of National Education, Fine Arts,
Sports Youth,

Signed: Phagna Sayaphet Champhone
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