

## NOTICE

The following is a literal translation of a notice put out on January 7th by the Deputy Prime Minister who is also the Minister of Education, Fine Arts, Sports and Youth. It is addressed to all teachers in the Kingdom of Laos.

" I would like to remind all teachers working in Lao institutions that during class hours, a certain dignity is traditionally observed particularly with regards to appearance and dress :

\* We should not be over-dressed, nor should we be careless in our dress. The classroom is not a place where the teacher entertains the students formally nor is it a place of rest and relaxation. Eventhough starched collars and tuxedos are not to be worn in the school, neither should whangs, shorts and similar apparel be worn.

To the women teachers, we leave the choice of dress up to them, however their dress should not remind one of summer resorts or winter sports. Allow me to explain in more detail the dress for men. The modern materials are very convenient for making suitable clothes that are both lightweight and easy to care for. There are season when a coat and tie would be unbearable, nevertheless, the hottest season still allows what I consider as minimum dress requirement: slacks, shirt and a necktie, unless the shirt is made to be worn outside without a tie, the shirt tail should be tucked in and a tie worn. Things, flip-flops, or whatever you call them are not allowed and all other footwear should be worn with socks.

It goes without saying that most of the teachers know what should and can be done.

It is to those teachers whose dress leaves something to be desired that this notice is intended and I would ask all the Department Chiefs, School Directors, and School Inspectors to enforce this regulation for the good of the teaching profession."

Mr Luan Insiensay.

Deputy Prime Minister

Minister of National Education, Fine Arts,  
Sports and Youth

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March 16<sup>th</sup> - Paul White  
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