

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Hunter A. Fitzgerald, CEA/National
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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for September 1973

Problems:

No new significant problems.

Accomplishments

Local In-Service Training

1. General observations on training projects were prepared for CE participation in the National Annual Planning Conference on October 2, conducted by the Director of Primary and Adult Education and selected members of his staff. Major items on the agenda were the annual conference of primary school inspectors, in-service teacher training, and USAID cooperation. The PSI Conference is scheduled to be held in Paksane, Borikhane Province. Certain supervisor and RECSAM participants will be designated to attend the conference; they will work with PSIs to complete curricular course outlines in Science, Lao Language, and Youth Movement. In addition to continuing the CREC Teacher Training program, the Director of Primary and Adult Education requested that meetings be arranged for groupe scolaire directors to train them in fundamentals of supervision.
2. A summary on local in-service teacher training projects, 1964-73, with the number of participants from each PSI District was prepared and submitted to the CEA/National. The report on 1973 training sessions is attached.

Participant Training

1. One participant each in Guidance-Testing and Educational Statistics-Planning completed three months training at Prasarnmitr University. Their continuation of study for an additional three-month period will be determined by MoE with CE, following an interview with the trainees and careful consideration of the special program arranged.
2. A summary of participant training projects, 1955-73, including reports on projects with duration of six months or more and those with less than six months was prepared and submitted to the CEA/National.

Curricular Materials

1. Five of twenty poster sketches prepared for teaching mathematics were selected with MoE for printing and planned distribution to primary school teachers. The posters are designed as aids to teachers and pupils for learning the four operations, including use of the number line; fractions and decimals; and basic geometric concepts.
2. Results on the sixth grade final examination from all PSI Districts have been submitted to the MoE. A table of the number tested and the number passing is attached.

Other

1. The Deputy Director of Supervision in the Primary Education Department and five provincial leaders left October 2 to participate in a three months' course in programmed technology at Innotech in Saigon.
2. Mr. Bounhom Phonnavongsay, Office of Program and Studies, is attending a seminar in Tokyo on Primary School Teaching in Asia, sponsored by UNESCO with cooperation from the National Institute of Educational Research in Japan.
3. Mr. Bounmy Srikhannouvong, newly-appointed PSI of Wapikhamthong, was selected to accompany Dr. Veo to a RECSAM course in Penang on production of apparatus for teaching science and mathematics.

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