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This is to notify all the Middle and Higher Secondary schools in Bhutan that the Royal Education Council (REC) in consultations with the Ministry of Education has carried out a comprehensive review of the existing Class X Geography curriculum. The review process took into account the feedback received from the education sector and issues and concerns received during the National School Curriculum Conference in 2016.

The review has resulted in shedding off the irrelevant and obsolete topics from the content in order to reduce the pressure on and provide enough teaching-learning time to students and teachers. As such, some of the topics in *Section V - World Studies, Major Natural Regions of the World* for class X shall be delivered as project work without formally teaching them in the classroom.

As a result, the following topics have been identified for project work:

1. Rubber cultivation,
2. Mediterranean Lands. (Orchard Farming in the Mediterranean Countries),
3. Tropical grasslands - Savannah: the Masai herders,
4. Hot Deserts: the dwellers of the Sahara including those of Nile Valley,
5. Temperate grasslands: The Steppes (Russia), and
6. Tundra: its dwellers.

Accordingly, teachers are advised to develop clear objectives, criteria and rubrics for the purpose of assessment of the project work on the above topics.

The following suggested marking criteria may be followed for the project work assessment:

1. Project work should be in a minimum of 1500 words.
2. Viva voce conducted based on project work.
3. Project work needs to be assessed as per the existing weighting as continuous assessment by the schools and submit the marks to BCSEA.

The details of the changes in the curriculum will be available on our website www.curriculum.bt and the hard copies shall also be circulated to schools in a few days' time.

The Royal Education Council would like to solicit strict compliance to the circular in terms of implementing the changes with effect from 2017 Academic Session.

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Cc:

1. Hon'ble Sherig Lyonpo (Vice Chairperson, REC Council), Ministry of Education, Thimphu for his kind information.
2. Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Education, Thimphu for kind information.
3. Dasho Dzongdags, Dzongkhag Administration for kind information and support.
4. Dasho Thrompons, Thromdey Administration for kind information and support.
5. Secretary, BCSEA, Thimphu for kind information and necessary actions.
6. The Dean, CDC, REC, Paro for necessary follow-up actions.
7. DEOs/TEOs for information and support to schools.
8. The Chief, Social Sciences Division, REC, Paro for follow-up actions.
9. Principals of Middle and Higher Secondary Schools for necessary actions.
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