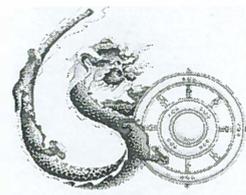




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**Notification**

This is to inform all the schools having Classes IV-VI that the Royal Education Council (REC) has reviewed and revised the Social Studies textbooks (Classes IV-VI) based on comments and suggestions received from the fields and other relevant stakeholders before and during the National School Curriculum Conference (NSCC) in September-October, 2016. The camera ready copies (CRCs) of the reviewed textbooks were handed over to the respective printers who had won the tender for 2016 printing and supply of textbooks. All schools, therefore, are expected to have received the reviewed versions of the textbooks (2016 Edition) for all three classes with the 2017 school supplies for immediate implementation.

The 2016 editions have incorporated most of the relevant comments and suggestions received both before and during the NSCC where a number of issues and concerns pertaining to currency and relevancy of contents, and clarity of illustrations, diagrams, pictures and maps also were raised. However, some of the concerns and issues that require more time, resources and consultations to address shall be addressed later while developing the curriculum materials based on the new curriculum framework which is in its draft form.

Though several changes have been effected in the content, language and layout of the new edition textbooks, it was not at all viable to entirely replace the existing stock of the old edition textbooks as it would have entailed a huge expenditure besides the schools and Dzongkhags/ Thromdeys not having budgeted it in the 2016-17 FY and, in anyway, these textbooks shall further undergo a major revision based on the new curriculum framework soon.

Schools are, therefore, requested to as far as possible issue the 2016 edition textbooks not only to the teachers teaching Social Studies but also to students as far as the copies are enough. Where new textbooks are not enough, schools should make appropriate arrangements so that all students are accessible to the same content and information. To that extent, the 2016 edition Social Studies textbooks are made available on our website [www.rec.gov.bt](http://www.rec.gov.bt) for schools with internet facility. This will also enable Dzongkhag Education Offices to support schools without internet connectivity with at least some printouts, where necessary.

The Royal Education Council would like to solicit strict compliance for the effective implementation of the changes.

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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. Director General, Department of School Education, Ministry of Education, Thimphu for kind information.
4. Dasho Dzungdags, Dzongkhag Administration for kind information and support.
5. Dasho Thrimpons, Thromdey Administration for kind information and support.
6. Secretary, BCSEA, Thimphu for kind information and necessary actions.
7. The Dean, CDC, REC, Paro for necessary follow-up actions.
8. DEOs/TEOs for information and support to schools.
9. The Chief, Social Sciences Division, REC, Paro for follow-up actions.
10. Principals of schools for necessary actions
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