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Based on the recommendations of the Bhutan Education Blueprint 2014-2024 and the National School Curriculum Conference 2016, the Royal Education Council (REC) is in the process of reforming the History curriculum for Classes VII to XII. The development of World History textbook for class VII will soon be completed for implementation in the academic year 2019, which will be followed by class VIII textbook in 2020. The textbooks are developed as per the History Curriculum Framework for classes PP-XII, 2016 and have the following salient features:

1. The books are designed as per the conceptual strands of Historiography, Evolving Civilization, Governance and Peace, and Spirituality, Identity and Culture.
2. Although the historical concepts remain unchanged, the focuses of delivery of the contents are shifted to developing skills and competencies.
3. The Learning Activities are designed to arouse interest and curiosity of the learners and to provide them ability to connect with the concepts.
4. The new textbook also caters to the fulfilment of basic research skills by students through the writing of Personal History
5. The mode of assessment has been adapted to ensure that the three domains of learning are achieved. Emphasis is given on the use of competency based assessment and essential skills to achieve the requirements of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education.

As such, all Dzongkhags/Thromdeys are required to make necessary arrangements to procure the new History textbook; An Introduction to World History-Class VII to replace the existing textbooks with effect from 2019 academic session.

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