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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 geography curriculum for Class VII to XII. The development of geography textbooks for class VII will soon be completed for implementation in the academic year 2019 which will be followed by class VIII textbooks in 2020. The textbooks are being developed as per the Geography Curriculum Framework for Class PP-XII, 2016 and have the following salient features.

- 1. The books are designed as per the conceptual strands of Time and Space, Physical Environment, People and Environment and Essential Skills which will continue till class XII. The strands are developed in such a way that there are minimal overlaps and repetitions of topics and contents.
- 2. Although the geographical concepts remain unchanged, the focus 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 with ability to connect with concepts.
- 4. 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 21st Century Education.

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

This circular is also available at our website; www.rec.gov.bt of the Royal Education Council.

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