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The 18<sup>th</sup> National Education Conference convened at Tashi Namgay Grand, Phuntsholing on January 9-12, 2017 resolved that “*Dzongkha to (should) be taught as one of the main subjects from classes PP-XII starting 2017 academic session. Students must compulsorily pass in Dzongkha to be promoted to the next higher grade*”. The conference passed the resolution in view of the paramount importance of Dzongkha not only as the primary unifying language but also as one of the fundamental identities of the nation. The primary objective of the resolution was to promote the language in schools and also to up-scale student learning outcomes in the subject.

For timely and proper implementation of the resolution, the following were further decided:

1. The requirement that “*students must score the pass mark in Dzongkha for promotion to the next higher grade*”, shall come into effect only from the 2017 Academic Session and shall not apply to the students who have already appeared their examinations in 2016.
2. From the start of the 2017 academic session, Dzongkha in all class levels (PP-XII) shall be taught by Dzongkha teachers only and not by general teachers.
3. The Human Resource Division of the Ministry of Education and the Dzongkhag/Thromdey Education Offices shall facilitate the immediate implementation in schools by deploying adequate Dzongkha teachers in all schools.

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**Director**

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1. Hon'ble Sherig Lyonpo (Vice Chairperson, Royal Education Council), Ministry of Education, Thimphu for kind information.
2. Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Education, Thimphu for kind information.
3. The Director General, DSE, Ministry of Education, Thimphu for kind information.
4. The Secretary, Dzongkha Development Commission, Thimphu for kind information.
5. Dasho Dzongdags, all Dzongkhags for kind information.
6. The Secretary, BCSEA, Thimphu for kind information and necessary actions.
7. The Dean, Curriculum Development Centre, REC, Paro for follow-up actions.
8. The Chief, HRD, Ministry of Education, Thimphu for necessary actions.
9. Chief DEOs and TEOs for necessary actions.
10. Principals, all schools, for necessary actions.