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Circular No: 03/2020 (i)

Instructions and Guidelines No. 02

All: Secretaries to the Provincial Ministries of Education
Provincial Directors of Education
Zonal Directors of Education
Deputy/ Assistant Divisional Directors of Education

Increasing the number of National Schools to 1000 by upgrading the selected schools to the level of National Schools from the schools currently operative in the school system and Establishment of fully-equipped 20 Trilingual, Model Secondary National Schools at District Level and Establishment of a School Network with a Core School networking the said schools

This is further to the Circular No.03/2020 dated 01.01.2020 on increasing the number of National Schools to 1000 by upgrading the selected schools to the level of National Schools from the schools currently operative in the school system, establishment of fully-equipped 20 Trilingual, Model Secondary National Schools at District Level, and establishment of a School Network; linking those schools, with a Core School.

02. In view of the economic crisis presently prevalent in the country, a policy decision has to be taken to revise this program as the public expenditure has to be limited in respect of the projects being implemented by utilizing local funds.

- i. Accordingly, it is proposed to develop one most appropriate school; identified through criteria and mapping exercises, situated in the Divisional Secretary's Divisions wherein any National School has not been located under this program. Therein, except the schools of 14 Divisional Secretary's Divisions having schools converted into National Schools, the most suitable 111 schools of the remaining 111 Divisional Secretary's Divisions are to be selected.
- ii. The power of determining the relevant boundary related to the criterion stipulated in 4.1 (ix) of the Circular No. 03/2020 is transferred to the Provincial Director of Education; in concern of the regional needs, regional disparities and the factors mentioned below.
 - (a) The leading schools identified through the school mapping exercise; conducted for future educational reforms, should also be taken into consideration.
 - (b) This school should be selected so as to have maximum utilization of the investments already made in behalf of the school.
 - (c) In considering the public investments already made in schools, information technology facilities should specially be taken into account.
 - (d) The Core School should be a school with Grades 1-13 or 6-13.

03. Accordingly, the most appropriate school located in the Divisional Secretary's Divisions; in which no National School has been situated, should be selected in accordance with the criteria and subsequent to undertaking a site inspection, and the list of such schools should be presented to the Ministry of Education before 25th November 2022 together with the recommendation of the Provincial Director of Education and the approval from the Hon. Provincial Governor.

04. In case of any policy issue on this program, the Secretary to the Ministry of Education has the final decision-making power in that connection.

Signed by/ M.N. Ranasinghe

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