Basic Education Curriculum in Thailand: Content and Reform
Overview of Thai Education System

- Priority area in nation development since 1932
- 12 Year education
  - Pre-Primary
  - Primary
  - Lower Secondary
  - Upper Secondary
- Age range 3 - 17

Compulsory
Overview of Thai Education System

- National Education Act 1999
- National Education Plan 2002-2016
- Introduce balanced focus
  - Human-centered
  - Economic development
- Promote equity and access to education
  (MDG, EFA Goal)
### Statistical Information

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<th>Primary</th>
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As of 2007
Education Reform: Principle

“Education builds the Nations,
Empowers the individuals,
Generate employment.”
Education Reform in Thailand

• Aim to provide equal access to life long learning and training, enabling citizens to acquire knowledge as asset to generate income

• Focus on integration of all aspects of the quality of life, including comprehensive and balance human development

• Development knowledge-based society which leads to knowledge-based economy
Four Aspects of the Reform

1. Learning Reform
2. Teacher Reform
3. Education Quality Assurance
4. Reorganizing of Administration System
1. Learning Reform

- Promote learner-centered model
- Emphasis on active learning
- Emphasis on the utilization of local wisdom and knowledge
- Emphasis on a holistic approach
2. Teacher Reform

- Promote national, master, and lead teachers
- Approach system of teacher licenses
- Promote innovative teacher-learning, with emphasis of site-based training
3. Education Quality Assurance

• Establishment of the Office for national Education Standard and Quality Assessment (ONEQA)

• Set standards for curriculum content
4. Reorganizing of Administration System

• Provision of 12 year, Free education (Voucher System)
• Establishment of administration unity
• Reengineer the structure of Ministry of Education
National Curriculum: Basic Education

• 8 Core Subjects
  - Thai language - Health and physical education
  - Math - Art
  - Science - Career and technology
  - Social studies - Foreign languages

• Local curriculum
  local wisdom, locally relevant knowledge
National Curriculum: Secondary Education

• Promotion of 21st century skill
  • Critical thinking
  • Creative thinking
  • Problem solving
• Encourage self-learning strategies
• Encourage moral development
Evaluation and Learning Measurement

- Classroom level
- Educational constitution level
- National level
Key Success Factors

1. Continuity and sustained efforts
2. Stakeholder participation collaboration
3. Support mechanisms
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4. Learner center approach
5. Curriculum development
6. Professionalization of educators
7. Quality assurance of educational institutions
8. Use of ICT in Education
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