

## **Thai Education in The Post-modernization and National Intellectuals**

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### **Abstract**

Many regard the post-modernization as an exciting time to be involved in every sphere of nation development, also in education. Education normally pays the paradigm of change and is the influential factor on our life. Actually education and learning is the strategy of consensus which fulfill the better life of the individual and the nation in the future. Likely, Thailand has herself a useful model called “*THAILAND*” to change every aspects the all national prosperity. “**THAILAND**” model which are an abbreviation of; technology, hospitality, academic pursuit, internationalization, localism, new economy and democracy.

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### **Introduction**

There is an important distinction to be made between education and schooling / learning. As s/he matures, every person must develop ways of dealing with the world s/he lives in. This is a lifelong process that begins at birth and, to some extent, continues until death. Education can be thought of as the process individuals go through as they learn to cope with and adapt to their physical and social environment. Thus, though the very act of living, we are always being “educated.” We learn from casual conversations, from television and our jobs.

We learn from what old-times call the school of hard knocks. In short, all human experiences is a teacher that contributes to our education. Education does not begin with or end with experiences provided in a place call the school. It is a highly personal process that is unique to every individual. Ultimately, the successful responsibility of education resides with individual, for it is s/he who has to interpret reality and make use of these interpretations. Different societies or nations have eventually developed different kinds of procedures for helping educate individuals. In some places, nearly all responsibility is borne by family. In technically advanced societies, a special institution is the school has involved to assist family with this function. It is well to remember, however, that schooling is only a single contributor to a person’s education. But, increasingly, the function of schooling has come to be regarded as very important.

### **Thai Education in the Post- modernization**

Since education is like one part of global society, as a present day called “*post-modernization.*” We cannot refuse that every aspect, economic, societal and political also cultural in society has rapidly changed. In this case, the view that Thai education should teach citizenship has a well adjustment themselves into this changing era, post-modernization and it will be promptly changed into;

1) Because of the unlimited information society, Thai society is rapidly influenced by information and technology. Since the late of 1990’s movement was developed across philosophy, the arts, architecture and criticism which marked a departure from modernity/modernization. The sameness that we are in the one global village can be easily distributed to each

others. The Thai national education policy must act to the meaningful and powerful on the dialectic approach. This policy has to share the educational opportunity for all who are the marginal people for instance, the countryside people and those who are not accepted from the majority. Compulsory education as the basic education also is set in the ultimate goal for the state providing.

2) Learning-Based society, innovative knowledge and social skills especially coexisting with the others will be set into every dimension of learning. Thai education has to concern for the future oriented such as the subjects consisted of international education, peace for the learners' understanding and implementation.

3) Because of the condensed society, digital technology and satellites must be as tools for learning while they are in and outside classroom. Thai education does not exaggeratedly over concern in the failure past, on the other hands must focus on an achievement on the effective and efficiency base. Thai education should study the different and similar learning management from those countries which are the good model for the useful implementation.

4) Integration between sciences and arts of teaching must be the major style in each period of teaching. Moreover, the subjects provide to learners have to consist of international understanding and environmental sustainability.

5) The application of technology, learning process should be encouraged by technological presentation within groups. Inquiry method is also used for the new paradigm of knowledge.

6) Globalization contexts, for Thai education should be make a difference into international standard or

world class especially learners' academic pursuit and made them into the total happiness.

7) Lastly, Thai education on the whole aspects should be laid on the dynamic change and knowledge provided to learners is on the global movement and the situated knowledge, eventually the present situation analysis and knowledge usage.

Thai education in the future must build the learners to perfectly understand in humanism and a search for integration of "*what it should be done, what it should be.*" It is also education for a capacity of discernment and the way of developing scientific spirit. Besides, it should preserve the national identity in the changing world by putting history for the learners' appreciation.

### **National Intellectuals : "THAILAND" Model**

National intellectuals is very essential for the national development perhaps not surprisingly, it has been easier to express a need for the future of Thai citizen become to intellectuals. Thai Education tends to be vested relatively large numbers of individuals who have undergone special training by its management. The national development throughout its intellectuals will be promoted by this effective model;

1) *T = Technology* -Since technology is the branch of knowledge that deals with the creation and use of technical means and their interrelation with daily life, changing society and unsafe environment. With this reason Thai intellectuals have to learn more about how to use it effectively and how to affiliate in the digital technology. However, they ought to pay the great attention to the contemporary technology because future

artificial intelligent technology that can autonomously create, edit and implement simultaneously around the present world based on feedback from global sensor network.

2) **H= Hospitality** -Until right now, Most of foreigners have known Thailand is “the land of Smile”, this picture is now decayed with the serious situation especially economy problem. Most of Thais seem to live with uncomfoting affairs. Therefore, both private and public sectors should encourage “the same picture-smiling and hospitality” into the Thai refreshment. They must to be socialized to the harmony and sharing again.

3) **A=Academic Pursuit** -A fast growing and spreading of the present knowledge also actively influences on Thai intellectuals. They should study and learn deeply in the sciences which impacted to expert or profession .In considering what academic pursuit is very important, they should act freely to meet a new paradigm of life-long learning which the scared path of total human development. Moreover, Thai intellectuals have to make a difference of how to compatibly integrate between the two sciences for their skillful furtherance.

4) **I=Internationalization** -Thai intellectuals has autonomous to make their decision on the modernity in addition to, the differentiated society by the way the national curriculum which consists of contents of international understanding for example, international education, peace education or intercultural education.

5) **L=Localism** –“Act Locally, Think Internationally” this slogan can widely across to every area or region of the nation. Thai intellectuals must be proud of the heritage from their ancestors who created and initiated the rich culture for them. The expression of

local action in rites, norms and tradition will be a routine in their daily life. In addition, they must strongly concern of the region fraternity and the advantage of co-development.

6) **A=Accountability on Ethics** -Most important ethics related to the changing world or awaken society is how to motivate Thai intellectuals become the moral man nearby of their social corporate responsibility firstly and their public spirit. On the positive side, accountability may have improved the instructional practice of family and school. They should emphasize on team working for the linkage of “Net work and Dream work” in the future.

7) **N=New Economy** -In the present day Thai habitants are very lucky since the His Majesty King Phumiphon Adulyadet gives them the sufficient economy philosophy for their lives fulfillment. Significantly, what has dissipated is the people’s ability to rely on themselves and conduct their lives and pursue their destiny with dignity. It embraces of the Three Pillars as the followings,

- **Moderation:** Sufficiency at a level of not doing something too little or too much at the expense of oneself or others, for example, producing and consuming at a moderate level.

- **Reasonableness:** The decision concerning the level of sufficiency must be made rationally with consideration of the factors involved and careful anticipation of the outcomes that may be expected from such action.

- **Risk Management:** The preparation to cope with the likely impact and changes in various aspects by considering the probability of future situations.

Decisions and activities must be carried out at a sufficient level depending on two conditions:

**Knowledge**, comprising all-round knowledge in the relevant fields and prudence in bringing this knowledge into consideration to understand the relationship among the field so as to use them to aid in the planning and ensure carefulness in the operation.

**Virtue** to be promoted, comprising the awareness of honesty, patience, perseverance, and intelligence in leading one's life.

As mentioned already, national intellectuals must seriously concern on practicing in their daily lives. The ultimate dream of sustainability will come truly for their happiness.

8) **D=Democracy** –Before proceeding to deal with the way and the means of training effective citizen on the democracy base it is worthwhile to be clear about the national goal that Thai intellectuals must achieve in order to be called a “ good citizen”. While they should clearly know about the political contextualization on democracy. Thai intellectuals should lately accepted concept of “good citizenship” is the combination of civic and virtues.

## Conclusion

In conclusion it may be said that the last of Thai education system has also follow the national education policy while caring about the truth of its social contexts. It is easily seen of the cruel on interaction of those who followers and policy makers, so the education prosperity. Thus, Thai education in the future must proceed in education for a capacity of discernment, and the Thai intellectuals should concern in developing of science

spirit together with the great attention on the discourse of education “*Education for itself, For People and For the Nation.*” This will be a fulfillment of total sustainability.

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