

# Education Council

## Powers and Duties of the Education Council

Section 14 of the Administrative Organization of the Ministry of Education Act 2003 stipulates the following functions of the Education Council:

(1) Formulating the National Scheme of Education which integrates relevant aspects of religion, art, culture and sport into all levels of education;

(2) Formulating educational policies, plans and standards for implementation as prescribed in the National Scheme of Education in (1);

(3) Proposing policies and plans for mobilization of resources for education;

(4) Evaluating educational provision in accord with requirements of (1); and

(5) Providing views or advice on legal matters as well as educational laws and ministerial rules and regulations.

Furthermore, the Education Council is required to provide pertinent views or advice to the Minister of Education or the Council of Ministers; it is also authorized to perform other duties as provided by the law or as assigned by the Minister of Education.

## Composition of the Education Council

The Education Council comprises 59 members

1. The Minister of Education serves as Chairman of the Education Council;

2. Sixteen ex officio members i.e. Permanent Secretary/ Secretaries-General of the 5 main agencies of the Ministry of Education; those of various ministries and agencies concerned e.g. Ministry of Tourism and Sports; Ministry of Social Development and Human Security; Ministry of Information and Communication Technology; Ministry of Interior; Ministry of Culture; Ministry of Science and Technology; Office of the Council of State; Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board; Bureau of the Budget; Secretariat of the Teachers' Council; and Office of National Education Standards and Quality Assessment;

3. Two representatives of NGOs;

4. Two representatives of local administration organizations;

5. Two representatives of professional organizations;

6. Two Buddhist monks representing the Sangha;
7. One representative of the Central Islamic Committee of Thailand;
8. Two representatives of other religious denominations;
9. Thirty scholars appointed in their personal capacity from among specialists with extensive knowledge and experience in any or a combination of the following fields: early childhood, basic, higher, vocational, private, specialized, special, non-formal and informal education; administration of educational service areas, religious and cultural affairs, local wisdom; policy formulation and planning; standard and quality assurance; legal affairs; economic, financial and budgetary matters; science and technology; communication; natural resources and environment; agriculture and cooperatives; social development; industry; politics and administration; mass media; technologies for education; business; services; affairs of NGOs; sports; youth activities, scout movement, Junior Red Cross and girl guides; and
10. The Secretary-General of the Education Council serves as Member and Secretary of the Council.