

Press Release

Performance Agreements for FY 2017-18 of the Ministry and Departments Signed



The Annual Performance Agreement (APA) of the Ministry of Education for the Financial Year 2016-17 has been signed between Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Sherig Lyonpo on 28th July 2017 at the Convention Center in Thimphu.

This year, the APA 2017-18 between Hon'ble Sherig Lyonpo and Hon'ble Secretary of Education, and between Hon'ble Secretary and the three Department Heads (DAHE, DYS, and DSE) were also signed on the same day in the presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The APAs of the Ministry and three Departments for 2017-18 would continue to work towards ensuring quality, access, and sustainability of school as well as higher education. It also seeks to strengthen adult literacy and youth development programmes.

On the new focus areas of APA 2017-18, Hon'ble Sherig Lyonpo emphasized on upscaling programmes such as, ECCD, special education, youth engagement, counselling services, and ICT in Education in addition to the ongoing reforms around school, curriculum, and teachers, amongst others.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Lyonchen Dasho Tshering Tobgay, in his address at the APA Signing Ceremony stressed on the importance of providing quality education for all children since education is the only "social equalizer." He said if we fail to provide equitable access to quality education, then it could also become a great "social divider."

Speaking about the achievements of the Ministry in the last four years, Hon'ble Prime Minister expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation to all members of the education family including teachers for their hard work and commitment to provide better education for our children.

About 150 officials from the Ministry witnessed the signing of the APAs 2017-18. Hon'ble Cabinet Secretary, Director of the Cabinet Secretariat, Dasho Kezang Deki, Commissioner from RCSC, Officials from the Office of the Prime Minister, Chief DEO from Thimphu, and Chief TEO from Thimthrom were also present during the APA Signing ceremony.

A copy of the Ministry and Department APAs 2016-17 can be accessed from the Ministry's website www.education.gov.bt