

The 1st Joint sitting of parliament (2nd general ordinary session)



On 9th November 2021, at the House of Representatives Chamber, H.E. Mr. Chuan Leekpai, President of the National Assembly, chaired the 1st Joint sitting of parliament (2nd general ordinary session), and H.E. Prof. Pornpetch Wichitcholchai, Vice-President of the National Assembly, serving as the Chairperson of the sitting in rotation. In order that, the parliamentary sitting has considered 2 bills as the emergency issues as follows:

1. National Education Bill, B.E. (Proposed by the cabinet) (pending matter of the 7th Joint sitting of parliament (1st general ordinary session) for voting). The sitting resolved to agree in principle upon National Education Bill, B.E. with 435 votes and agreed to establish the Ad-hoc Committee to consider the Bill, which is composed of 49 members, where the amendment motion must be submitted within 15 days.

2. Learning Enhancement Bill, B.E. (Proposed by the cabinet) (pending matter of the 7th Joint sitting of parliament (1st general ordinary session)).

Hon. Mrs. Kanokwan Wilawan, Deputy Minister of Education, proposed the Bill to the sitting by describing and providing the Bill's rationales and important principles so as, to promote the individual comprehensive and balance learning, with 31 sections in total, in accordance with the conduct of public hearing with related parties, under section 77 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, by the various processes at the regional and national levels, and also online platform. The Bill shall enhance the people's channel to access on-demand education and

promote the life-long learning at all ages, with the cooperation between government agencies and their related networks, which adheres to the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy. There are 3 methods of the learning enhancement process as follows:

1. Life-long Learning Method: All learners shall be able to learn and access the learning resources, which they are interested in studying by themselves, via online platforms or other learning resources platforms;

2. Learning Management for individual development at all ages stages: learning management shall be implemented through the cooperation of alliance networks, in order to enhance the quality of life, families, communities, and societies;

3. Qualifications Learning Method: The method is to provide an opportunity for unschooled persons who are not acquiring in the school system by their school age, the persons who are out of school ages, the persons in remote areas, and the persons who lack of opportunities to receive basic education provided by government, to access the qualified education.

The Bill also requires the qualification accreditation system and the equivalence of educational qualification or Credit Bank System.

The sitting resolved to agree in principle upon Learning Enhancement Bill, B.E. with 532 votes and agreed to establish the Ad-hoc Committee to consider the Bill, which is composed of 49 members, where the amendment motion must be submitted within 15 days.

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