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## Circular Number - 20/2016

To all Provincial Secretaries of Education, To all Provincial Directors of Education, Principals of relevant Schools,

## Launching of GCE Advanced Level Technology Subject Stream

The stated objective of introducing the GCE Advanced Level Technology Subject Stream was to create an individual who possessed both theoretical and practical knowledge, and was equipped with skills required to enter the future world of work, through the school.

In selecting schools for conducting the GCE Advanced Level Technology Subject Stream in the first stage, the following criteria were considered:

- being a school developed under the "One Thousand Secondary Schools Development Project".
- being a school where primary classes are not conducted
- being a school for which a technological laboratory has been approved

The Ministry of Education has decided to ignore these criteria with a view to expand this programme under a formal system of monitoring.

Accordingly, if a National School wishes to start the GCE Advanced Level Technology Subject Stream, the approval of the Structure Committee of the Ministry of Education must be obtained while it is sufficient for a Provincial School to obtain the approval of the Provincial Structure Committee. The specimen application for the approval of the Structure Committee is herewith attached. (Annex 1)

The following procedure must be followed in the selection of schools:

- Geographical locations of the schools in the Divisional Secretary's Division, where GCE Advanced Level Technology Subject Stream is currently being conducted, and those of the schools where the Steam is proposed to be launched, must be considered. In other words distance between Faculties of Technology must be considered in the selection of the schools.
- 2. Student demand for the schools where Technology Subject Stream is proposed to be launched, and the student demand for other schools in the catchment area, should be taken as a basis in applying for starting the GCE Advanced Level Technology Subject Stream.
- 3. Action must be taken to obtain an assurance from either the Line Ministry or the Provincial Education Department, that there is financial capacity to construct Faculties of Technology to provide facilities for practical activities related to the subject stream.

- 4. Action must be taken to construct Faculties of Technology following the criteria provided by the Line Ministry, and supply of equipment following the accepted methodology, by the Province.
- 5. Action must be taken to acquire teachers to teach the relevant subjects, from qualified teachers already in the system.
- 6. A minimum of 15 students must be prepared to follow the GCE Advanced Level Technology Subject Stream, to start a class under the above criteria.
- 7. Action must be taken to make the relevant parties aware of the launching of the new subject stream, via Standing order Format No.50.
- 8. GCE Advanced Level Technology Subject Stream consists of subjects requiring practical training, and at the G.C.E. Advanced Level examination a weightage of 25% is given for the practical examination. Therefore, special attention must be paid to provide facilities for practical training, in approving the Technology Subject Stream in new schools.

Requests for starting the GCE Advanced Level Technology Subject Stream in any school, not in line with the above procedure, must not be made of the Ministry of Education. Be informed that steps have been taken to send all the lists of schools which have furnished the relevant information to obtain the approval of the Structure Committee to start Technology Subject Stream, to the Provincial Directors of Education and the Principals of the relevant schools.

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## **Specimen Application**

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