

The Royal address during the NFE orientation workshop

His Majesty the King granted audience to about 71 education officers, principals, NFE instructors and officials from the Ministry of Education on 16th January 2016 at Phuntsholing HSS. His Majesty highlighted on the few pertinent educational issues such as:

1. The importance and impact of the NFE programme
2. The need to focus on the performance standards of the education
3. The need to strengthen science and mathematics subjects.

His Majesty shared his keen interest in NFE programme and informed that he had personally experienced the impact of NFE programme in villages during his royal visit and also in the RBA camp benefiting the army wives on a greater scale. His Majesty reiterated on the tremendous scope of NFE in up scaling the general literacy and empowering women in particular. Therefore, His Majesty commanded the education officials to formulate visionary plan and take it forward by making the programme relevant to the people and ensuring that “learning to learn and life long learning” occurs.

His Majesty reminded the officials on the need to focus on the performance and standard of learning in our schools. His Majesty reminded the officials that that it is not the infrastructure and facilities but the teachers who make our schools.

“I have full faith in mathematics and science” was what His Majesty told to the education officials. With this, His Majesty highlighted on the need to upscale and strengthen science and mathematics subjects as these two subjects have the potentials to give our children the required knowledge and skills in 21st century not necessarily to become doctors or engineers but to make our children enterprising and capable citizens. His Majesty further reiterated that humanities can be learnt on our own but science and mathematics need to be taught.

His Majesty commended the service of the NFE Division and NFE instructors in enhancing adult literacy and promotion of culture.