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Equivalency Programme

The secondary education system in Mongolia includes 4 years primary, 4 years basic, 2 years high school education. The age of entrance is 8 and 8 years basic education is compulsory. Today 13.5 percent (68,155) of 8-15 aged children are out of school so they can't obtain education. 16.6 percent of school aged boys, 10.4 percent of girls belong to the number. Therefore 75.8 percent (51,690) of drop-outs are in rural areas. Also there are amount of youth and adults that don't obtain basic education.

That's why we have to develop and implement a programme to educate primary and basic education out of school. Drop-outs have to study by the equivalency programme that meets to primary and basic education standard to obtain education out of school.

Equivalency programme for primary and basic education and textbooks were developed in our country and we are organizing training by the equivalency programme.

1. Equivalency Programme for Primary Education

12 lessons studied in primary school were combined to 5 packages.

- (1) Mongolian
- (2) Mathematics
- (3) Country Study
- (4) Life skill
- (5) Music

By 2,177 hours lessons are studied in the equivalency programme for primary education. 725hours, which means 1/3 of the time in face-to-face meeting and 1,452 hours, which means 2/3 of the time by self-learning.

The following 10 kinds of textbooks using in equivalency programme for primary education are prepared.

- (1) Alphabet
- (2) Mongolian

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- (3) Literature
- (4) Reading
- (5) Human, nature, society
- (6) Mathematics
- (7) Exercises on mathematics
- (8) Let's use natural resources
- (9) From a child
- (10) Animal husbandry

This programme involves children, youth and adults who have never studied at school. Also the training is organized by multi-grade groups and supported secondary schools for 2 months face-to-face meeting in a year.

2. Equivalency Programme for Basic Education

Equivalency programme for basic education and textbooks are prepared to give opportunity to the people who have already obtained primary education in their further life and career.

Equivalency programme for basic education content is equally like the content of formal education given in 5-8 grades.

Over 20 lessons studied in formal education are combined in 5 kinds of package lessons.

- (1) Humanity
 - Mongolian, Literature, Culture
 - Foreign language
- (2) Mathematics, Information
- (3) Nature Science
- (4) Social Science
- (5) Technique and Technology

We planned to run 2,798 hours, which means 70 percent of 3,712 hours programme in formal secondary school. 866 hour, which means 1/3 percent of the hours, would be completed as face-to-face meeting and 1,732 hours, which means 2/3 percent, would be self-learning in this programme.

According to the 5 lessons of the training content 7 kinds of textbooks were prepared.

- (1) Mongolian – Literature
- (2) Russian
- (3) English
- (4) Mathematics – Information
- (5) Nature Study
- (6) Society Study
- (7) Art and Designing

If it's possible, the learners divide into 2 groups such as 5-6 grades and 7-8 grades.

Professional teachers work during face-to-face meeting and the teachers help their learners when they study independently.