

Part 2

Workshop Arrangements

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORKSHOP

PLANNING

The plan to hold a series of workshops on in-service teacher education grew out of the recommendations made at various Commonwealth Education Conferences, the last being the Seventh held in Accra in 1977.

An invitation to Sri Lanka to host the second in the series of workshops was made in 1977 and the Government of Sri Lanka agreed. In December of that year, Mr Farrant paid a visit to the Ministry of Education and was received by Mr E.M.D. Wickremesinghe and other officers to discuss the programme and arrangements for the workshop.

Invitations to nominate delegates to the workshop were sent to the six Commonwealth Asian countries. UNESCO, WCOTP and SEAMEO were also invited to send observers and three consultants were appointed.

It was agreed that the workshop would be held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, where local participants would be housed. Overseas participants would stay at the Havelock Tourinn.

THEME

The theme chosen for the workshop was "Educating Teachers for Changing Roles".

AGENDA

1. In-service teacher education in Commonwealth Asia.
2. Training for increased pupil-teacher ratios.
3. Preparing teachers for community education.
4. New roles for teachers.
5. Regional co-operation in in-service teacher education in Commonwealth Asia.

OBJECTIVES

1. To identify the trends in education currently taking place and likely to occur in the future that place teachers in new roles for which conventional teacher training does not adequately prepare them.

2. To describe how pupil-teacher ratios have been increased without loss of educational standards in the Philippines through 'Instructional Management by Parents, Community and Teachers' (project IMPACT) and determine the training needed to make it work successfully.
3. To consider different approaches to community education and identify the changes in training that teachers involved in it must be given.
4. To survey the existing provision of in-service teacher education in each country of Commonwealth Asia and draw conclusions with regard to future needs.
5. To survey existing examples of regional co-operation in in-service teacher education and make recommendations for improving co-operation.

TIMETABLE

Monday, 23 October

2.30 p.m.	Opening Ceremony
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Tuesday, 24 October

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Country reports
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2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Country reports
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Wednesday, 25 October

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Introduction to Project IMPACT
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2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Group session to carry out simulation exercises
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Thursday, 26 October

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Continuation of simulation exercises
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2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Plenary discussion of group reports
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Friday, 27 October

Morning	Travel to Kandy
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Afternoon	Educational visits in Kandy area (The Temple of the Tooth and Giragama Teachers' College)
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Saturday, 28 October

Morning	Educational visits in Kandy area (Dambulla Rock Temple)
Afternoon	Educational visit to Hingurakgoda Teachers' College

Sunday, 29 October

Morning	Educational visits in Polonnaruwa area (historical ruins of Polonnaruwa)
Afternoon	Educational visit to Sigiriya Rock

Monday, 30 October

11.15 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Plenary session to introduce 'training teachers for community education'
2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Educational visit to Moratuwa

Tuesday, 31 October

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Group discussions on the training implications of 'preparing teachers for community education'
2.00 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.	Presentation and plenary discussion of group reports
3.45 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Plenary session on 'regional co-operation'

Wednesday, 1 November

9.30 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.	Plenary session to introduce 'new roles for teachers'
11.15 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Group session to discuss the training implications of 'new roles for teachers'
2.00 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.	Group discussion (continued)
3.45 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Plenary discussion of group reports

Thursday, 2 November

Morning	Educational visits in Colombo (Kalutara Training Colleges, Staff College and schools, girls' schools, Kelaniya temple and schools, Colombo Zoo)
Afternoon	Free

Friday, 3 November

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon	Consideration of Draft Report
12.00 noon - 12.30 p.m.	Closing Session.

GROUPS

For agenda items 2 and 4:	A	Teachers
	B	Teacher Educators
	C	Educational Administrators
For agenda item 3:	A	Urban community education
	B	Rural community education

WORKSHOP DOCUMENTS

Agenda Item 1

ISTEW/CP	Country Papers
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Agenda Item 2

ISTEW/LP/1A	IMPACT: An Alternative to Existing Delivery Systems
ISTEW/LP/1B	Project IMPACT: Roles and Role Expectations and their Implications for Teacher Training
ISTEW/WP/1	Project IMPACT: An Experiment in Mass Primary Education

Agenda Item 3

ISTEW/LP/2	Preparing Teachers for Community Education
ISTEW/WP/2	Teacher Education and Community Development
ISTEW/WP/3	Education in the Community
ISTEW/WP/4	Role of Infrastructure on Rural Community Development

Agenda Item 4

ISTEW/LP/3	What New Roles for Teachers?
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Agenda Item 5

ISTEW/LP/4

Co-operation in In-Service Teacher
Education in Commonwealth Asia

Background Documents

In-Service Teacher Education in the Caribbean

A Handbook on In-Service Teacher Training

General Information

The Commonwealth at a Glance

The Commonwealth Today

Co-operation in Education

Commonwealth Currents

Commonwealth Educational Publications List

Commonwealth Skills for Commonwealth Needs

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The Temple of the Tooth, Kandy

One of the most important places of worship for the Buddhists in Sri Lanka. The annual pageant held in August is an important religious event connected with this temple.

Teachers' College (Aesthetic Studies), Giragama

The participants had occasion to be present at a programme of cultural items presented by the teachers and trainee teachers of the Institute. Points of interest included an Art and Craft Exhibition in which student paintings, carvings and sculpture were displayed and in which examples of locally made musical instruments were shown. The Principal of the Teachers' College is Mr G.A.P.R. Gunasekera.

Some aspects of a community education project undertaken at Uyanwatte Teachers' College were presented on slides by the Principal, Mrs P.Edirisinghe (at present Principal, Gampola Teachers' College).

Dambulla Rock Temple

This is an ancient place of worship.

Teachers' College (Community Education), Hingurakgoda

The participants attended a seminar on Sri Lanka's Community Education Programme at this College. An account of the programme was given by Mr S.B. Ekanayake, Principal, Teachers' College, Hingurakgoda.

The meeting was chaired by Mr George Mendis, Deputy Director-General of Education. Also present at the meeting were the District Chief Education Officer, Mr Sirisoma de Silva, Teachers' College personnel and village teachers who had taken part in the community education programmes. Community education at the villages of Dalukana and Illukwewa were reviewed at the meeting. The participants were given the opportunity to interview the village teachers. An exhibition was also arranged to enable participants to get a fuller view of the programme.

The general impression created among the delegates was very favourable. The value of having a college which offered courses to meet the special needs of teachers working in a village environment was fully recognized as was the dedication of the staff and of the teachers who had experienced this training to foster true community education. The view was expressed that other situations that presented teachers with unusual difficulties or placed them in unaccustomed roles, might well be catered for in a similar way by the provision of special training.

A question that participants felt must be clearly resolved was the balance between the teachers' role as an educator and as a community worker.

The Ruins of Polonnaruwa

Participants spent about 3 hours visiting the ruins of Polonnaruwa. They were able to have a glimpse of the past, some aspects worth mentioning being the large man-made reservoirs which maintained the agrarian society, the well developed language used in inscriptions which bears evidence of a rich literary tradition, and the ruins of libraries and council chambers which provide evidence of a socially articulate and progressive community.

Sigiriya Rock

The 5th century paintings of Sirigiya were visited by the group. These frescos reveal the poetry and evidence of a sense of appreciation and sensitivity to things of aesthetic value in those remote times.

Sarvodaya

Participants of the workshop visited 'Sarvodaya' Headquarters at Moratuwa. Sarvodaya is a voluntary organization engaged in a country-wide programme of social, educational and cultural development. Participants were shown round the headquarters complex before they engaged themselves in a fruitful discussion with the Sarvodaya leader Mr A.T. Ariyaratna and two senior executives/consultants, Mrs Sita Rajasuriya and Dr Nandasena Ratnapala. The cultural traditions re-discovered and harnessed for the extensive task of national development, particularly the social and educational aspects, are important components of the entire movement and make it unique. The Sarvodaya model provides many possibilities for adaptation in education.

The Zoological Gardens, Colombo

The Zoo claims to have the most comprehensive range of animals in Asia.

The Kelaniya Temple

The temple contains both modern and ancient paintings on the walls of Mahavihara and a number of massive buddha statues.

Aluthgama Women's Training College

This college is for Muslim women student teachers. The Principal, Mrs A.Y. Shakoor, arranged an elaborate programme for the visitors including an exhibition of students' practical work, teaching aids made by the students for teaching English as a second language, home economics demonstrations and a programme of entertainment. Lunch was also kindly provided for the visitors.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 24 October

Buffet dinner hosted by the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute for participants

Wednesday, 25 October

Exhibition, buffet tea and cultural display by Colombo school children at the Curriculum Development Centre for participants

Friday, 3 November

Dinner by the Commonwealth Secretariat at the Sapphire Hotel for local support staff and participants