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EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE

LITERACY TRAINING, SYDNEY JUNE 2011

Special points of interest:

- Literacy Training for a month in Baulkham Hills Training Centre.
- Good news about Decree Law of Mother Tongue being approved by the Parliament of Timor Leste.

On June 2011, the Literacy team of Institutu Mary MacKillop (MM East Timor Mission) attended training in Sydney. The training was about Philosophy of Education, Literacy, Health, Physical Education, Religion Mother Tongue, Telling Stories, Computer, Craft and they also observed students at St. Bernadette's School, Castle Hill. In the Philosophy course they talked about "love of Wisdom" meaning that with love and wisdom we need to understand how people act and how people learn. In Literacy they

talked about good ways teachers use to teach. Story Telling was about the best way of making a story interesting for people who read. In Religion, they talked about Jesus giving us a good example so we learn to be as good in our teaching as Jesus was. The Mary MacKillop

important using their own languages to teach children, so that they can understand better what the teacher teaches. This is an important point as Timorese find it difficult to use other people's languages to teach our little children in school.



Principles of Education are very important as we must teach by example. The team learned how to be good teachers, such as, being well prepared, being passionate, and using discipline wisely. In Mother Tongue studies, they learned how



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guidelines of the Base Law for Education, in relation to the content and goals of the Curricular Programs of each of the three basic education cycles. This diploma also defines the curriculum for the 1st and 2nd basic education cycles. It should be noted that for the elaboration of the Curriculum Program of the 3rd Cycle (Primary School), the Ministry of Education counted with the collaboration of UNICEF and the University of Minho, Portugal, that is, efforts were joined with the knowledge of Timorese experts and connoisseurs of the best practices international in this area. In addition to the official languages, the diploma also stresses the importance of making use of the national languages, as well as the appropriateness of the curriculum to the social and cultural environments of students and their experiences, their age and level of cognitive development, based on the recognition of a gradual learning.

not only for an unequivocal and fluid communication between the Timorese State Institutions, but also with the international organizations that work to support the development in the Country.

Given that Timor-Leste has adopted the Tétum and Portuguese languages as Official Languages, and that there are difficulties of communication with international organizations working in the country due to the use of non-official languages (when many work in the official language of other countries where they operate), the Council of Ministers calls on international organizations and agencies, namely the United Nations, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the European Union, to promote, immediately and by all means, the systematic use of Timor-Leste's Official Languages.

Tétum language courses will be implemented for international advisers and consultants, in the various State Institutions.

All Ministries must take the necessary measures for the use of Tétum and Portuguese, namely in regards to inter-ministerial communication, communication with the United Nations, its agencies, the European Union and UNDP.

(The Photos show the group at the training at Baulkham Hills)

2. Government Resolution on Institutional Communications between the United Nations Organization, its agencies, the European Union and the Timorese State Institutions

Language is an essential factor for the construction of the Nation's identity, for the assertion of State Institutions, and a decisive element for cohesion and national unity. The standardized use of language allows

This Wednesday, June 15, 2011, the Council of Ministers met at the Council of Ministers' meeting room in the Government Palace, Dili, and approved:

1. Decree-Law that approves the Curriculum Plans for Implementation of the Basic Education Curriculum

This diploma approves the curriculum plan for the 3rd Cycle Basic Education, authorizes the ministerial approval of curriculum programs and establishes the set of rules governing the implementation of the entire basic education curriculum, according to what is already in place for primary teaching, in a way to ensure the consistency and compliance with the

**“ WHERE YOU ARE,
YOU WILL FIND
GOD”
(St MARY MACKILLOP)**

Story

One day, a little boy was playing in front of his house. While he was playing, he saw a woman passing by. He said to himself, “I think I know that lady,” so he ran after the lady, shouting “Hei..hei..are you a teacher?” The lady stopped and looked at him and said “ Yes, little boy, why?”

Without saying anything else, the boy straight away say “Soo..Good Morning,” then ran away from the lady

Hahahaeeee...

If the lady was not a teacher, the boy would not be greeting her.

(True story

from Timor Leste)

