

PREFACE

The Office of the National Education Commission (ONEC), in cooperation with Ministry of Education (MOE) and Ministry of University Affairs (MUA), takes great pleasure in presenting a national report on educational development, **Education in Thailand 2000/2001**. This report is, in fact, the fourth of our annual series for the year 2000, or 2543 of the Buddhist Era. As it was published near the end of 2000 for dissemination during the year 2001, it was entitled **Education in Thailand 2000/2001**.

During the year 2000, all agencies involved, as well as many groups of people who are interested in the provision of education, have worked hand in hand towards the reform of education as outlined in the 1999 National Education Act. According to a recent survey sponsored by ONEC, significant progress has been made in many aspects of educational reform, particularly, the reform of learning which can be immediately implemented without awaiting for the enactment of related laws.

As it is widely accepted in Thailand that education is the foundation for sustainable development of the country, education reform is now a national agenda. The Thai people share the same objective that education will provide a foundation of skills and knowledge that prepare all people to become productive members in a knowledge - based society. ONEC will, thus, further cooperate with all agencies concerned to make every effort for successful implementation of education reform in line with the 1999 National Education Act.



Rung Kaewdang, Ph.D.
Secretary - General
National Education Commission