



December 20, 2022

Re: Invitation to the kick-off meeting to disseminate Circular 16/2022/TT-BGDĐT on national library standards for K-12 educational establishments

Dear Colleagues,

The Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) has recently approved and promulgated Circular 16/2022/TT-BGDĐT dated November 22, 2022, stipulating new national library standards for K-12 educational establishments to replace Decision 01/2003/QĐ-BGDĐT which will be in effect from January 7, 2023. The Circular does not only provide updated library standards for schools of general education but also, for the first time, introduce the library standards for preschools. This Circular is expected to create an enabling environment for investments in library development, quality reading materials, and reading promotion to develop reading habits, improve literacy outcomes and broader competencies and qualities as stipulated in the General Education Curriculum 2018.

According to the Memorandum of Understanding between the MoET and Room to Read, 2021-2025, upon promulgation of the Circular, a kick-off meeting with NGOs and other related stakeholders working in education in Vietnam will be held to offer a deep dive into the new standards for all aspects of school libraries, including library setup and management, quality reading materials (printed and digital), structured reading activities, and professional development for librarians, teachers, and school administrators, etc. This meeting also aims at gathering information about the work undertaken and planned by the participating organizations related to school library and reading culture development and exploring potential interests of the organizations in networking to make a greater collective impact.

Thus, we would like to cordially invite you to attend the meeting with the details below:

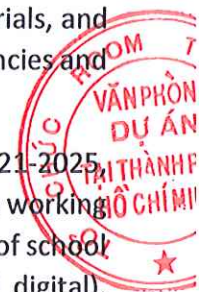
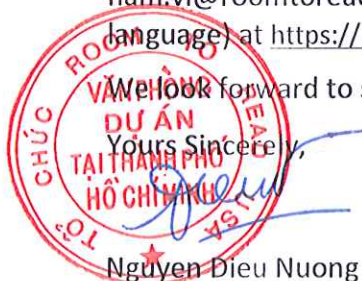
Time: 13:30 – 17:00, December 28th, 2022
Venue: National Assembly Guest House, 27A Tran Hung Dao, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi
Agenda: As enclosed.

Please confirm your participation with Mr. Nam Vi, Field Manager at 0916011281, email: nam.vi@roomtoread.org and kindly provide information to a quick online survey (in Vietnamese language) at <https://bit.ly/3Wamoah> prior to the meeting. Your response will be much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours Sincerely,

Nguyen Dieu Nuong
Country Director
Room to Read Vietnam





AGENDA

(Wednesday Afternoon, December 28th, 2022)

Time	Content	Presenters	Note
13:30 - 14:00	Registration	Program Management Board members from MoET; Room to Read	
14:00 - 14:05	Welcome and Introduction	Room to Read	
14:05 - 14:15	Opening remarks	Room to Read	
14:15 - 14:45	Presentation on the Circular 16/2022/TT-BGDDT and the needs for cooperation to implement the Circular.	Educational Facilities, Equipment and Children's Toy Department – MoET	
14:45 - 15:30	Roundtable discussion	Educational Facilities, Equipment and Children's Toy Department, Primary Education Department (PMB members), Secondary Education Department, Early Childhood Education Department – MoET	Q&A to share about the needs/plan to implement Circular 16/2022/TT-BGDDT
15:30 - 15:50	Presentation on Room to Read's child - friendly library program at primary school. Orientations to support the implementation of Circular 16/2022/TT-BGDDT.	Room to Read	
15:50 - 16:00	Break time		
16:00 - 16:30	Sharing session from local and international NGOs working in the area of school library	Representatives from local and international NGOs	Sharing in groups who work in same level of education.
16:30 - 16:50	Open speeches from representatives from local and international NGOs	Representatives from local and international NGOs	
16:50 - 17:00	Closing remarks	Head of Library Program Management Board – MoET	