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Digital Transformation of Education to begin in Demonstration Offices of Education

- A total of 300 Digital Beacon Schools to be operated across the country in the second half of 2023
- Demonstration Offices of Education to begin in all 17 Metropolitan and Provincial Offices of Education

The Ministry of Education (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Lee Ju-Ho) announced the scale and support plans for Demonstration Offices of Education and Digital Beacon Schools on Thursday, May 11, with an aim to promote digital transformation of education.

The Ministry of Education announced the Digital Transformation of Education Initiative (DXE Initiative) in February of this year, emphasizing the adoption of AI-embedded digital textbooks and the changing role of teachers. The DXE Initiative incorporated a plan on designating seven Demonstration Offices of Education, which will be proliferated to all 17 Metropolitan and Provincial Offices of Education next year.

A total of 16 Metropolitan and Provincial Offices of Education applied for the pilot project, taking part in the digital transformation of education for their students and parents. In order to allow a greater number of education offices to begin preparations this year, the Ministry of Education has decided to designate all 16 Metropolitan and Provincial Offices of Education as the Demonstration Offices of Education.

However, taking into account the initial plan of designating seven

Demonstration Offices of Education, as well as the existing disparity in capabilities and preparedness among the provinces, the number of Digital Beacon Schools and the subsidies will be differentially allocated for each education office.

The Demonstration Offices of Education will create a dedicated organization or Task Force, operate Digital Beacon Schools, provide professional development opportunities for innovative teaching and learning, and establish a digital foundation, and implement relevant project. The Ministry of Education will provide consulting services to Demonstration Offices of Education, as well as support training and operate a consultative body.

The Ulsan Provincial and Metropolitan Office of Education which could not able to apply due to unavoidable circumstances such as the Education Governor by-election, has expressed its intention to participate starting from this year. The Ministry of Education plans to provide consultation and support for the Ulsan Education Office, including its own pilot operation.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Lee Ju-Ho stated, “Since all 17 Metropolitan and Provincial Offices of Education have demonstrated their willingness to promote digital transformation of education, the Ministry of Education and Metropolitan and Provincial Offices of Education will establish a closer cooperative relationship to ensure a solid foundation for the introduction of AI-embedded digital textbooks in March, 2025.

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