Political Science in the Dynamics of the 21st Century World

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Abstract:

People's lives today are the world situation of the 21st century or globalization embeded with technology and advance of communication that life in modern society is more or less closely related to each other. Nowadays, most people have been bonded within social networks that communicate via online in various forms such as Facebook, Instagram, Line, Twitter, etc. Therefore, social, economic and political phenomena are interconnected. and inevitably affects every life in world society. This situation has changed the way of life of people today, people are living in more comfortable yet more complicated. Therefore, it is necessary to improve our education system to be in line with changes which accordingly create positive outcome on improving the quality of life in society in order achieve the objective and the goal of every science today.

Hence, the framework for learning in the 21st century must be adjusted accordingly to focus on learners accumulating knowledge as well as experience and skills for their lives. Particularly in terms of content, the curriculum should put emphasis not only on developing reading, writing, and numeracy but also integrating 3 necessary skills including with learning and innovation skills, information skills and media and technology skill, and life and career skills.

To improve the curriculum, the program had considered problems occurred in last five years, phenomenon of political administration as well as some social and economic factors in the past into an analysis so as to design the curriculum to be in line with the changing situation. Especially the critical situation of the outbreak of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) that has led to changes in many dimensions which resulted in changes ways of living in modern world.

In terms of teaching and learning the situation of the outbreak of coronavirus 2019 has resulted in teaching and learning at all levels having to change teaching methods from in class (In class) to online learning (Online) and hybrid. However, the current curricula of many educational institutions do not have a curriculum drafted to accommodate this situation, and teaching and learning is organized in online and hybrid formats, resulting in teaching and learning being carried out within a limited framework. that affects the quality of teaching and learning which creates direct impact on students in developing their knowledge including with general and specific knowledge, life and career skills, learning skills, creativity, and developing their abilities in other particular skills. It could say that there were some positive things about the outbreak of coronavirus 2019 relating to the students' improvement of information, media and technology skills nonetheless the ability has been blocked by various conditions especially devices and internet network. Among these positive progress in education, this case reflects the problem of inequality in access to educational opportunities which is considered another dimension and a new dimension that has not been considered much in the past.

From the background rationale mentioned above, it is imperative that every new curriculum Including the Bachelor of Political Science program must analyze changes and problems from both domestic and global situations especially under the circumstances of dynamic in 21st Century and in afterward of the outbreak of coronavirus 2019 which accordingly creates a huge challenge for designing a new curriculum. Especially when asking about "what is the new way of the world of political science?" and