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Respected Madam/Sir,

विद्या ददाति विनयं विनयाद्याति पात्रताम् ।
पात्रत्वाद्धनमाप्नोति धनाद्धर्मं ततः सुखम् ॥

(Knowledge brings humility; from humility comes worthiness; with worthiness one attains wealth;
with wealth one is able to perform his duties in a better way; and in performing his duties one attains happiness.)

Ignited by this thought, we the organizers of this conference have been encouraged to bring forth the VI edition of Principals' Educational Conference in front of you.

Please allow us the liberty to place before you details of the earlier conferences held every alternate year, followed by this year's theme.

We organized the I conference at Nagpur in 2008 with the theme “**Total Quality Management in Education**” with a few sub-themes. We were happy to see good quality of papers submitted by the Principals.

The II conference was in 2010, again in Nagpur, with the theme “**School-the Last Frontier**”, with relevant sub-themes. The theme suggested that home was no longer the place it used to be a few decades ago. Since, parents hardly had much time to devote to kids in the nuclear family, and therefore, the main responsibility of subjecting the

kids to appropriate 'sanskara' is on the school, and that makes it imperative for the schools to reorient their methods and manners of imparting education.

The III conference was held in 2012 in Nagpur. The theme was “**Sing Your Own Song**”, with relevant sub-themes. This theme was based on the belief that each child is unique and has its own God-designated purpose and mission of life, and it has every right to sing its own song, that is, follow his own instincts and intuitions for personal growth and ability to make contribution to the larger cause of humanity.

The IV edition of IPEC was held in Dec 2013, on the theme “**Back to Black-Board**” Let us, however, hasten to add that this was not an anti-technology theme. The theme aimed at that area of education that goes beyond technology - the basics of content. In each age, the technology changed, but the basics of education did not. In each age, the

method and manner may have changed, but not the basics. Today, the black-board may have given way to computerized boards in classrooms. Yet, the purpose of the black-board and its use has not changed in principle. Whatever was the purpose of education in schools say 100, 50, 25 years ago has continued to be the same even today — manifestation of the perfection already in the child (Swami Vivekananda).

The V conference of IPEC, held in 2015 was based on an highly thought provoking theme “Harmony with oneself through education.” Stress was laid on evolving the child's personality in harmony with the surrounding world. It was unanimously realized through various paper presentations that the most vital thing for all beings is to achieve harmony with oneself. For unless the individual has a harmonious self, he or she cannot connect harmoniously with the collective. Such theme drove a lot of attention towards our present day education system and ultimately succeeded to quite an extent to come out with a lot of practical changes in the existing curriculum format with the sole objective to help young individuals to achieve the ultimate true goal i.e. harmony with self.

The theme for the upcoming VI International Principals' Educational Conference (IPEC) “**Generating happy minds – thought behind education** ” can actually be considered to be an extension of the theme of the previous conference itself, as it is based on the thought that to attain harmony with oneself, one needs to attain a state of “happiness” in its true sense. Though this theme may sound to be quite simple, it needs to be

considered that there is actually no way to happiness on the contrary happiness itself is the way. The theme simply does not focus on materialistic happiness, however it sinks deeper to the state of eternal bliss, the attainment of which could be a planned conditioning of mind right from birth and may be an ongoing process of one's life, ultimately leading to upliftment of an individual's self esteem and motivations that would empower him the correct tools to face even the materialistic life with joy and worthiness.

This further makes it crystal clear that generation of such harmoniously happy individuals, is undoubtedly an art to be practiced by today's modern educationalists, although the teachers and Principals or rather the school as an unit needs to partner with parents to achieve this worthy goal so that ultimately all psychological requisites for generation of happy minds are finally fulfilled from all fronts of a student's life.

We are looking forward to a serious discourse on this theme when we meet for the conference on 27th , 28th & 29th November 2017 at Chitnavis Centre, 56, Temple Road, Civil Lines, Near Hislop College, Nagpur, Maharashtra.

With this intention in mind, we assemble for the VI Principals' Educational Conference and invite papers for deliberation on the theme's following dimensions. Author's guidelines for paper writing are briefed with every subtheme.

Inculcating art of happiness through your subject

☺ Papers must shed light on how teachers in the

classroom can utilize their subject competence to help students to be happy with themselves and more importantly with others. Teachers should consider the subject as a tool. Teacher should share her teaching experience as an example to bring clarity to the thinking of his/her students.

Psychological requisite for happiness

- ☺ Paper is expected to acknowledge and establish the belief that human individual is born happy! However the reality is that with passage of time that belief is shrouded in forgetfulness of the divine reality. Certain psychological requisites dust off the loss of memory and bring back awareness of the intrinsic happiness. The paper presenter should throw light on these requisites.

Schools – Road maps to happiness

- ☺ The papers in this category stand on the eternal truth that education is manifestation of perfection within. School is the sanctuary where the child begins his/her journey of self actualization. It is education that facilitates it. But what is the road map of the child's journey. The papers are expected to throw light on what should be the road ahead. The key to this thought is in the happiness of the teachers. The belief - is happy teachers make happy students.

Partnership of school & family to generate happy students

- ☺ The papers in the category are expected to suggest ways and means of making the school –

the family – the student triangle more holistic, more complete. How can this partnership be forged more meaningfully? This should be the core of discussion in the papers under this sub-theme.

Importance of sports, music, art, culture for happiness

- ☺ By Nature's law, all individuals are born with some or the other form of latent talent with the sole objective to help the individual to achieve its ultimate true goal i.e eternal happiness, which is attainable only when these talents are well recognized, nurtured and made an inseparable part of one's persona. It helps the individual to become stable enough to face day to day challenges by controlling emotional outbursts, eradicating negativity, neutralizing excess energy and experiencing the ultimate state of oneness with the sub-conscious self (Atma)

Guidelines for paper presentation:

- ☺ The rationale for the topic.
- ☺ Methods that can be used for achieving expected-outcomes / if already carried out the outcomes can be listed.
- ☺ While presenting a paper one should state major conclusions first.
- ☺ Language used should be clear and easy to understand. Avoid jargon.
- ☺ Show enthusiasm for the topic.

- ☺ The paper should not exceed 2000 words.
- ☺ At the end of the paper, bibliography, references taken for the paper must be mentioned.
- ☺ Language could be English/Hindi.
- ☺ We invite your papers on the above topics and the rules for the same are annexed herewith. Similarly, we have planned workshops on related and important topics, which would assure a chance to every member of the conference to express his/her views and participate fruitfully in the discussion
- ☺ Inspired by the story of 'Nachiketa', the virtuous son of Rishi Uddalak, the IPEC has instituted the Nachiketa Awards for creative and practical ideas on the conference theme to improve the quality of education inputs in the classroom, beyond the mere intellectual exercise of IPEC.
- ☺ In the IV conference 20 Principals were bestowed with Nachiketa Award on the conference theme at the valedictory function at the hands of former President **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam**
- ☺ In the V conference again the Nachiketa Award was conferred to 20 Principals at the hands of **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra Mr. Devendra Fadnavis.**
- ☺ Along with Nachiketa Awards, 'Super Nachiketa Award' was given to one of the Nachiketa Awardees of previous conference, for having implanted the winning idea in the most appropriate manner. This award is based on the assessment of the Organizing Committee which took a regular follow up of the activity.
- ☺ This highly informative conference which includes delegates from India as well as abroad would not be possible without your whole hearted co-operation and active participation.

Hoping early response.....

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Rules and Regulations for smooth execution of conference :

- I) Either Principal or HM or Supervisor can participate in the conference and present the paper. As an exception, instead of the **Head of the Institution (HOI)**, teacher can present paper, only if strongly recommended by the HOI.
- ii) Five subjects are given on which paper presentation will be taken up. Participants will have to mail it on or before **28/10/2017** on **pecmahaindia@gmail.com**.
- iii) A committee will scrutinize the papers and will communicate about the acceptance of the paper. Committee's decision will be final.
- iv) A conference souvenir will be brought out and this will include all the accepted papers. The Souvenir will be released at the Valedictory function.
- v) Selected papers will be presented in the Conference.
- vi) The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entertained on the subject.
- vii) While presenting the papers, participants are requested to use Power-Point Presentations. Arrangement for the same will be made in the conference. Participants are required to bring their own **Pen drive** and submit the same on the registration desk on **27th November 2017**.
- viii) Only one paper would be accepted from one school.
- ix) The participation fee will be as follows :
 - One participant ₹1500/- (HOI)
 - Two participants ₹3000/- (HOI + One participant)
 - Three participants ₹4000/- (HOI + Two Participants)
 - (Residential accommodation not included)
- x) The participation fees include breakfast, lunch, light refreshment stationery material, etc. (at the conference venue only)
- xi) The participation fees will not be refunded in any situation.
- xii) Accomodation for outstation delegates -

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Mode of Registration :

- I) Last date of registration 28th Oct. 2017
- ii) 3 Registration forms are sent along with the announcement letter **OR** Registration forms could be obtained from the website. (www.principaleducationconference.com)

Mode of Payment :

DD / Cash Payment can be done at any branch :

- i) South Point School, Omkar Nagar, Nagpur, Ph. No. +91-712-2745137
- ii) Royal Gondwana Public School, Shankarpur, Nagpur, Cell : +91-9923693720

OR

Send Demand Draft through courier in favour of

'PEC-INDIA' payable at NAGPUR, Maharashtra, India.

(Address - South Point School, Omkar Nagar, Manewada, Ring Road, Nagpur - 440027, Maharashtra, India)

OR

Deposit in Union Bank of India, Manewada Branch, Nagpur

I) A/C Name : PEC INDIA, Nagpur

ii) A/C No. 543002010005790

iii) IFSC Code UBIN 0554308

(Deposit Slip to be mailed on pecmahaindia@gmail.com)

The independent views of the paper presenters are most solicited. However, looking at the vast purview of the theme “Generating Happy Minds – Thought Behind Education”, it would not be advisable to restrict ourselves in niches and corners. To facilitate the paper presenters to encompass the vastness of the theme, the following advisory committee has been set up. The paper presenters may feel free to contact any of the committee members, if required.

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