

Measuring Staff's Perception towards the Quality of Vocational and Technical Education: The College of Technological Studies, Kuwait.

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Abstract- The development of skilled and semi-skilled national manpower is a critical issue for the Kuwaiti Decision Makers. New workplace require broader knowledge, skills and attitudes than ever before and thus place intense pressures on both vocational and technical institution and industry to improve the competitiveness of local manpower. In fact, Vocational administrators should form a new strategy that meet the demand of local industry and business. This require a total improvement of vocational and technical program (e.g. staff competencies, curriculum development, industrial linkage, research and development) in order to cope with the change of technology in related industry. The failures to meet the demand of local industry and business with local skilled manpower mean that Kuwaiti would still relay on expatriates for years ahead.

This paper examines the factors that have a direct impact on the quality of vocational and technical education program at the College of Technological Studies, Kuwait. The research would be based on extensive field work that would encompasses a review of the related literature, questionnaires and personal interviews with the dean of the college, heads of departments, and staff in various departments. The outcomes of this research would propose the application of the new strategy and plan that can be useful tool for decision making in assessing and enhancing the quality of vocational and technical education. Thus, providing local market with the needed skills that able to manage, maintain, adapt and develop the imported technology to suit local requirements.

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