

of an educational system cannot be achieved over night. You will require patience and tact and above all an ability to adapt in a good humoured and friendly fashion. We hope that you will contribute whatever you can towards the educational systems you will find yourself in. We hope that you will always remember that you are playing an important role in a very great and a very broad process and that you will neither exaggerate nor minimize the contributions which you will be making.

As experienced teachers you know the importance of education in the enrichment of the life of the individual and the importance of education in the life of society. You also know how important education is to the process of democracy. From both these points of view education plays an even more vital role in the developing countries than it does here at home. These countries realize the success of their efforts to create better societies and to catch up with the more advanced members of the family of nations greatly depends on providing their children with an adequate education to enable them to cope with the complex problems of the future.

Indeed the success of the whole programme of capital technical assistance of the United Nations and of the various donor countries including Canada depends directly on the level of education of the people. The provision of a dam or a hydro electric power station may sometimes appear to be a more dramatic manifestation of external aid than educational assistance. But I have no doubt that in the long run it will be you and the teachers who will follow you who will have the most decisive impact on the progress of the developing world. Not only will you help them by providing some of the keys to knowledge but you will be in a unique position to exemplify the ideals of freedom and democracy which we cherish and which we hope will be pursued in their countries.

You may find many things strange and different from that which you have known at home. One thing that you may find to be entirely different is the form and manner of government. It is important to remember that there are many ways in which both the