Continuing Professional Development for the Personnel of Vocational School in Indonesia

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Abstract - The need for skilled human resource in the new era globalisation is very important. The professional educator standards for vocational school is used by LPTK (Education Institutions of Education Workforce). The purpose of LPTK is to increase the skilled human professional educator by providing quality education to learners who possess keen interest, ability and talent in the technical and vocational fields. A teacher’s professionalism is acknowledged by having a certificate of professional educator. As far, the relevant between certificate education for vocational school educators and profession education was given so different. An example the entitled pedagogic competence of vocational school teachers in building engineering is published as physics. It becomes so annoying and lack of continuing professional development. So far the certification process mentioned and classified by the Ministry of Education and Culture. The educator certificate is received through Professional Education of Teacher still can not be applied. Since it still be done the effective and accurate of professional developing teachers for SMK’s (Vocational School) personnel becomes so absurd. That’s the reason continuing developing teachers for SMK’s personnel need PPG as a classifier of processing certification teacher’s professionalism.

Index Terms - vocational school, TVET institution, continuing professional development.

1. Introduction

Indonesia is currently the fourth largest country in the world in terms of population (237.6 Mio inhabitants as of May 2010). 58% of the population lives on Java, but the country is comprised of more than 17,500 islands inhabited by more than 6,000. Archipelago stretches about 1,875 km from north to south and 5,000 km from west to east.

In education the Ministry of Education set up competence regulation and supervision of higher education. To manage TVET (Technical Vocational Education and Training), Vocational Education System in Indonesia consists of two parts, namely the system of vocational education (Vocational Education System), which is part of the National Education System is governed by the Education Act (Act No. 20/2003), and the system national training for work (national vocational training system - Sislatkernas), regulated by the Labor Law (Law No. 13/2003) [1]. Education is a conscious effort to deliberately planned to achieve the intended purpose. In an effort to improve the quality of educational resources, teacher is a component of human resources should be built and developed continuously. Teacher professional development programs implemented through pre-departments or programs within the department. The teacher is one example of such type of profession, a job that requires professional training and mastery of specialized knowledge [2].

The basic concept of professionalism is the key to a professional, because this is what underlies a person to be able to be professional in their profession possessed. Teacher is one of the professions and the profession has grown to become a professional [3]. Because the demand for development and is in line with the educational system dynamics. Professionalism of teachers emphasizes mastery of science or management capabilities and its implementation strategy. Professionalism of teachers not only knowledge of technology and management but rather an attitude, professional development is more than a technician not only has a high skill but has the required behavior.

Attention to the quality of teachers in Indonesia, especially teachers of vocational much different from the teachers in the United States or Britain. In the United States the professional development of teachers must meet the standards referred to Stiles and Horsley (1998) and NRC (1996) that there are four standards of professional teacher development standards [4]-[5].

Competencies required of teachers in performing their duties in a professional manner. The study of teacher education in the late 20th century and early 21st century indicate a growing phenomenon puts the teacher as a profession. Now notice that the real conditions of teachers as a profession, is no longer regarded as work (vocational) education requires a certain regular. The position is at least as can be seen from two sides, namely internal and external. Internally, there is a strengthening in social standing, protective position, income, and legal status. As the implications of this position, then externally occurs expectations and demands of the quality of the teaching profession, which is not only measured by the criteria of producer organizations (LPTK), but also according to the criteria of the user (users) among other professional associations, communities, and institutions that collect and provide income.

Teachers are one of the types of professional positions in the field of education. As a position, teachers must be prepared through education within a specified period with a set of courses and certain credit load in accordance with the hierarchy. Education is intended to educate prospective teachers who will be able to carry out his professional duties. Professional duties of teachers can be divided into four functions even in practice is an integral unified
2. Discussion

A. Professional Teacher

Professionals derived from adjective meaning livelihoods qualified persons. In other words, work that is professional is a job that can only be done by those who are prepared for the job.

The teacher is a designation for the office, position, and profession for someone who devoted himself in the field of education through educational interaction patterned, formal, and systematic. In Law No. 14 Year 2005 on Teachers and Lecturers (Article 1) states that: "Teachers are professional educators with the primary task of educating, teaching, guiding, directing, training, assessing and evaluating learners in formal education, basic education and secondary education". Professional teacher will be reflected in the appearance of the implementation of the tasks marked with expertise in both the material and the method of learning. Expertise of professional teachers is skills acquired through a process of education and training that is specifically programmed. Formal recognition of the expertise expressed in the form of certification, accreditation, and licensing of the competent authority (in this case the government and professional organizations).

Professional teachers are people who have special expertise in Traffic or midwife teacher training (learning) so that it is able to perform its duties and functions as a learner with a maximum capability. Or in other words professional learners are educated and well trained and have rich experience in their field, meaning that a learner has acquired and mastered a variety of formal education in teaching and learning strategies, in addition to the professional learners must master the foundations of education competencies. The authority of the teacher is facing learners, for that he must have the ability and have a standard, with independent (autonomous) on scientific. So to work as a teacher need for formal recognition of the power through three stages namely certification, only registration and licensing.

da. Certification is a gift certificate that shows authority as the members of a particular person. Minister of Education will issue a ministerial regulation number 18 of 2007 which contains policies regarding teacher certification. Under the regulation, certification is carried out in the form of portfolio assessment is the recognition of the professional experience of teachers in the form of an assessment of the documents that describe: academic qualifications, education and training, teaching experience, planning and implementation of learning, assessment of superiors and supervisors, academic achievement, work of profession development, participation in scientific forums, field experiences of educational and social organizations, and awards relevant to the field of education.

b. Registration refers to an arrangement where the member name is required to be registered at an agency or institution

c. The license is a regulation that sets a person to obtain a permit from the authorities to run the job.
B. LPTK as Teacher Producer

LPTK is one of the key success or failure of the education movement in order to meet quality standards, both standard products and standard of service and customer education is generally defined as a description of the success of education in changing the behavior of pupils/students who are associated with the national education goals. Nurulpaik (2005, 3) argues that we agree that prospective educators must be prepared in a professional manner in a particular conditioning settings, the educational environment are to be designed and prepared in such a way so as to form the expected character. According to Gaffar (2005: 3-4) that LPTKs has the main task to educate prospective teachers from kindergarten to college. Koesoema (2007) see education as a conscious effort aimed at the integral development of the human self and whole, through its various dimensions (religious, moral, personal, social, cultural, temporal, institutional, relational, etc.).

Education acts as a liaison two sides. On the one hand, individuals who are grown and on the other hand the social, intellectual and moral education to encourage the responsibility of the individual. Individual develops from birth and continues to grow. Education can also be defined as the process of socialization, namely socialization values, knowledge, attitudes and skills. So the conclusion that education is a conscious effort aimed at instilling individual sensitivity to social values, knowledge, skills and moral values in the society.

C. Teacher Certification

Efforts to ensure the quality of teachers in order to still meet the standards of competence the necessary existence of an appropriate mechanism teacher quality assurance should be developed based on a comprehensive assessment to produce a conceptual and empirical foundation, through the certification system. According Nataamijaya (2004) in Mulyasa (2008), certification is a procedure used by third parties to give written assurance that a product, process or service has met the requirements set.

Teacher certification is the fulfillment of the need to improve professional competence. Therefore, the certification process is seen as an essential part in the effort to obtain a certificate of competency in accordance with established standards. A teacher certification test process or competencies for prospective teachers who want to acquire or improve the recognition and appropriate competencies chosen profession. This certificate as proof of recognition of the competence of teachers who meet the standards of the teaching profession to do the work on the type and level of education teacher certification is an attempt to improve the quality of teachers is followed by an increase in the welfare of teachers, which is expected to improve the teaching profession to do the work on the type and level of education. This certificate as proof of recognition of the professional experience of teachers in the education, training, self-development, and other activities related to the profession. In addition to having goals, teacher certification also has benefits. The main benefit of certification is that 1) Protect from the teaching profession from harmful practices profession image a teacher. 2) Protect the public from the practice of educational and professional quality. 3) Increasing economic prosperity guru. For obtaining teaching certificate is not as easy as turning the palm of the hand, and requires the hard work of teachers. Certificates will be obtained teacher educators if they really have the competence and professionalism. For teachers who have the competence and professionalism, this probably is not a complicated issue, but a matter of time. Conversely, teachers who lack the competence and professionalism, this can be a thorny issue when it’s turn to be certified has arrived. In connection with it, something that definitely was the teacher should prepare as early as possible to be certified, so a good chance does not go away because of the lack of preparation to be ready mentally scientific, and financial. In connection with the preparation in terms of science, teachers need to improve their competence and professionalism.

D. Correlation between Professional Teachers and Teacher Certification.

Professionals derived from an adjective which means of livelihood other words, professional job is a job that can only be done by those who are ready to work. In Law No. 14 Year 2005 on Teachers and Lecturers (Article 1) states that: "Teachers are professional educators with the primary task of educating, teaching, guiding, directing, training, assessing and evaluating students in formal education, on the basis of the level of education and secondary education". Professional teachers are the ones who have the legal expertise in competency or midwife teaching (learning) until able to perform their duties and functions as a teacher with a maximum capacity. Or in other words, learners are educated and trained professionals and have rich experience in this field, which means that students have acquired formal education and master the various strategies in the teaching and learning activities, as well as professional learners also must control education in the platform of competence.

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forums, educational experiences and social organizations, and awards relevant to the field of education.

Realities faced by the author is a real problem when the author was a supervisor in each vocational schools in Bandung, one of the teachers there told the author that he was not in a good situation. He said that he graduated from the Teachers’ Training College of Building Engineering Department (Pendidikan Teknik Bangunan), but when he gets professional teacher certification (Certificate educators) in writing that he is a Physics teacher. Because when handing Lesson Plans for Teachers certification requirements he wrote RPP (Lesson Plans) on statics, which is considered by Team of Assessor (Assessor) is a Lesson Plan for subjects Physics. Here lies the discrepancy between teachers and teacher certification, as described above, the teacher certification is the fulfillment of the need to improve professional competence. Therefore, the certification process is seen as an essential part in the effort to obtain a certificate of competency in accordance with established standards. A teacher certification test process or competencies for prospective teachers who want to acquire or improve the recognition and appropriate competencies chosen profession why in this case a Professionals or improve the recognition and appropriate competencies for prospective teachers who want to acquire or improve the recognition and appropriate competencies for prospective teachers who want to acquire or improve the recognition and appropriate competencies for prospective teachers who want to acquire or improve the recognition and appropriate competencies for prospective teachers who want to acquire or improve the recognition and appropriate competencies chosen profession. This certificate as proof of recognition of the competence of teachers who meet the standards of the teaching profession to do the job.

3. Conclusions

1) Professional teachers are people who have special expertise in traffic or midwife teacher training (learning) so that it is able to perform its duties and functions as a learner with a maximum capability.

2) LPTK (Education Institutions of Education Workforce) has a very important role in preparing teachers professionals. This is because, LPTKs (Education Institutions of Education Workforce) those prospective educators must be prepared in a professional manner in a particular conditioning settings, the educational environment are to be designed and prepared in such a way so as to form the expected character.

3) The certification process is seen as an essential part in the effort to obtain a certificate of competency in accordance with established standards. A teacher certification test process or competencies for prospective teachers who want to acquire or improve the recognition and appropriate competencies chosen profession.

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