



Lao Teacher Education Trends and Challenges

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Presentation Outlines:

- Lao Teacher Education Overview
- Lao Teacher Education Trends and Challenges: A Case Study
- Lesson Learnt from the COVID-19 outbreak



Lao Teacher Education Overview

Teacher Training Colleges

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- Pre-school teacher training programs (2 years, 4 years)
- Primary school teacher training programs (2 years, 4 years)
- Secondary school teacher training programs (up to 4 years)
- In-service teacher professional training programs (up to 4 years)

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- Upper-secondary teacher training programs (up to 4 years)
- Postgraduate teacher training programs (2 years)
- In-service teacher professional training programs (up to 4 years)



Lao Teacher Education Overview

- One of the most selected courses in Laos
- Established alongside with the universities
- 12 teacher education institutions are the highest number compared to other institutions (public).

Indicators	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Total number of pre-school teachers-students	925	603	1,037	2,028	1,928
Total number of primary education teachers-students	1,192	749	1,506	2,195	2,101
Total number of lower secondary education teachers students	4,810	5,429	4,701	3,158	3,144
Total number of upper secondary education teachers students	597	689	1,479	1,391	1,454
Total number of physical education teachers-students		194	377	277	313
Total number of arts education teachers-students	67	97	188	122	139
<i>Total</i>	7,591	7,761	9,288	9,121	9,079

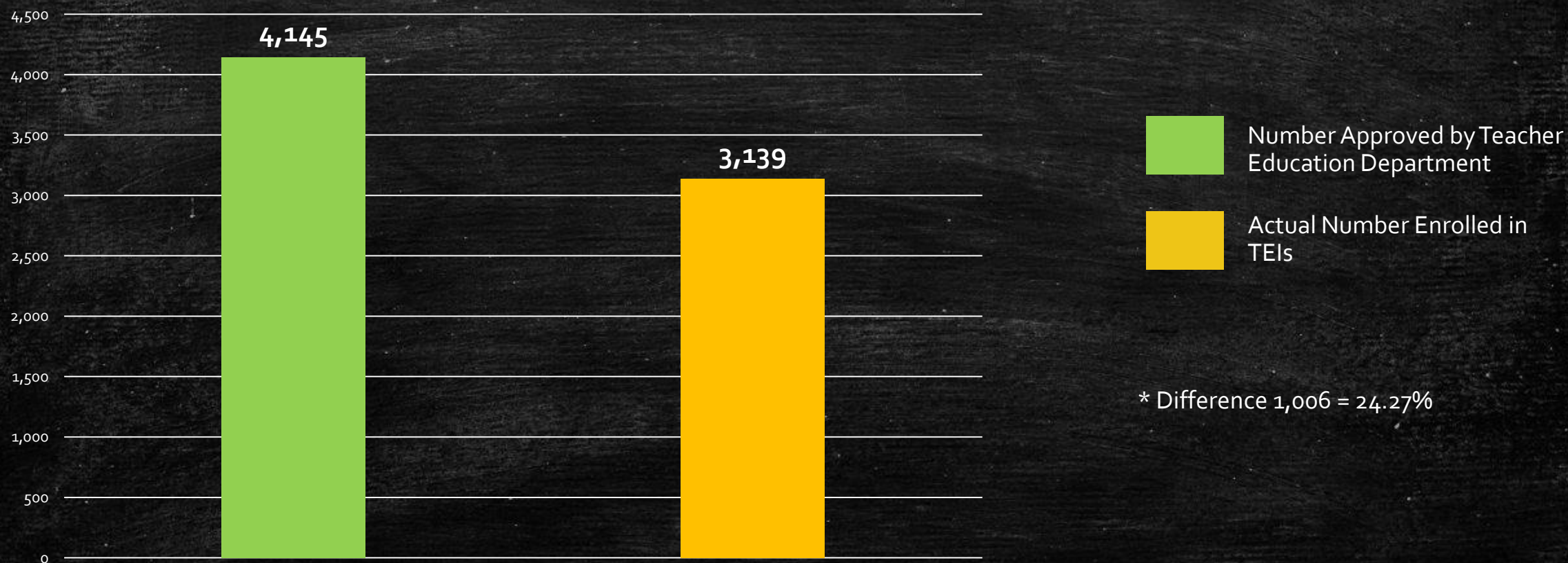
Table 1: Graduated teachers-students in each year (Source: Department of Teacher Education, MOES)



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- A case study of Lao Teacher Education Institutions

Enrollment in TEIs



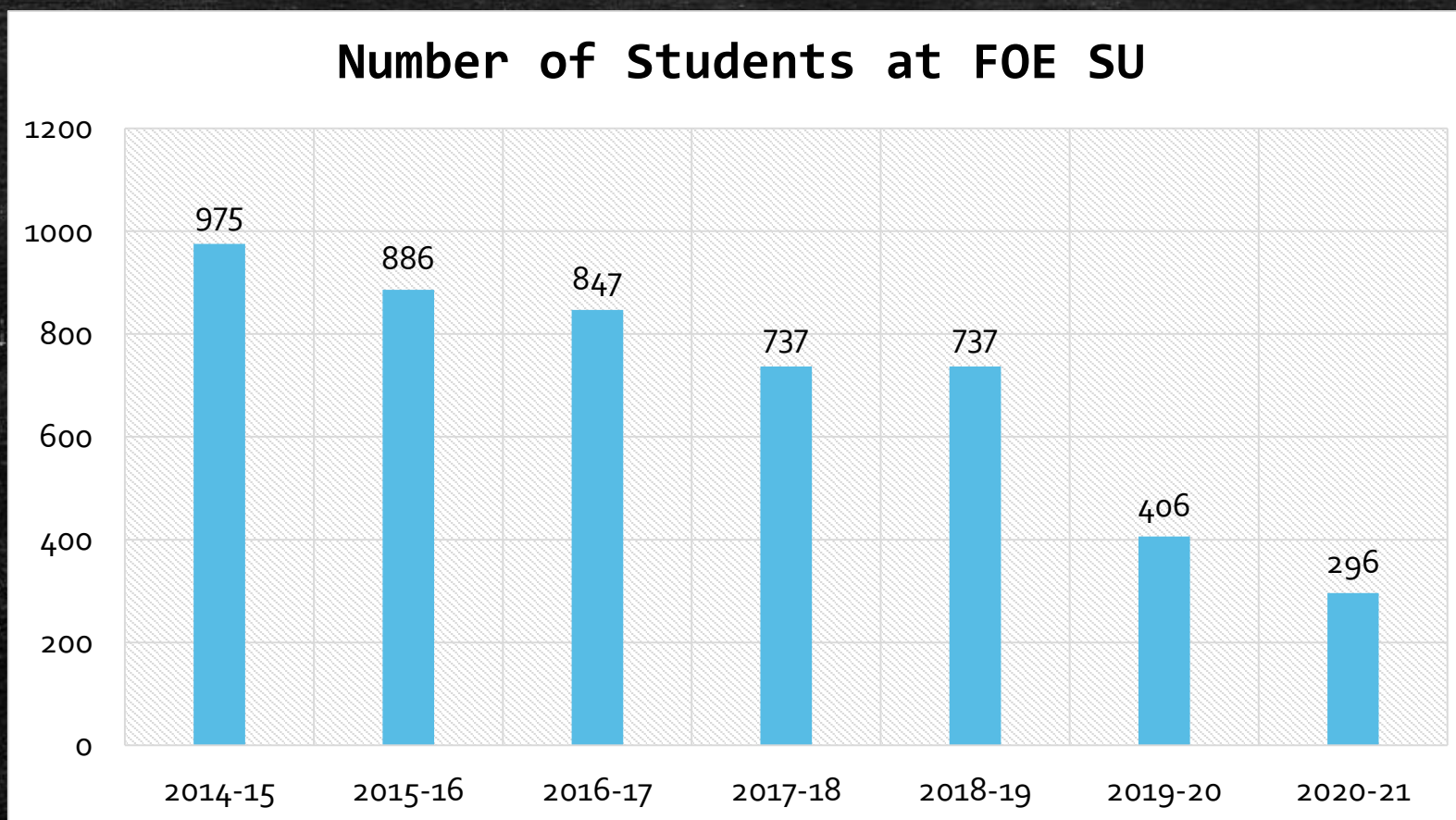
* Difference 1,006 = 24.27%

Source: MOES Report 2019-2020



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- A case study of Faculty of Education (FOE) Souphanouvong University (SU)



Source: FOE SU Academic Affair Office



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* Why is the number of students in teacher education institution decreasing?

- Young graduates expected to work in government teaching jobs
- There are not enough places offered for new teachers
- There is no balance among teachers (social science vs natural science)
- Many volunteer teachers are waiting to be recruited



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*What can be done

- Encourage the existing pre-service student teachers to continue their commitment
- Develop a better teacher professional development programs to improve in-service teachers' teaching quality (online/offline)
- Provide more courses in postgraduate level
- Promote teacher education's importance and beyond
- Conduct research to better improvement of Lao teacher education institutions



Lesson Learnt from the COVID-19 outbreak

- Schools were closed (March-June 2020)
- Online learning approaches were introduced
- Most of schools used video record-based teaching
- Poor infrastructure and inaccessible
- Content development was very challenging due to teachers are lack of ICT background



Thank you!