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The objectives of this research primarily aimed to determine quality of life of Thai massagers in Bangkok and Nonthaburi province. Secondly, to study their personal, backgrounds, economic, mental, social and environmental factors. Lastly, to investigate the relationship between their economic, mental, social and environmental factors with their quality of life. The subjects of the study covered quality of life of Thai massagers from The Wat Po's Thai Traditional Medical School, Thai Medical and Ayurveda Association, Thai Medical Institution and Phatthana Thai Medical Foundation. The study cases were Thai massagers from the four places, consisting of 134 individuals. Data were collected by questionnaires. Reliability of the questionnaires was tested with Cronbach's method. Analytical statistics were Percentages, Mean, Standard deviation and the Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Coefficients at the .05 level of statistical significance.

The results found that the overall quality of life was at a moderate level. When aspects of quality of life were further analyzed, it was found that the quality of life regarding one's mental aspect was at a high level, economic and environmental aspects were at a moderate level, social aspect was at a rather low level. The factors concerning economic, mental, social and environmental factors were at rather high level. It was also found that economic, mental, social and environmental factors were correlated to the quality of life of Thai massagers in Bangkok and Nonthaburi province at the .05 level of statistical significance.

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