

The main objectives of this study were to study (1) the physical aspects and social activities of the communities attached the outer wall of Chiang Mai ; (2) the implementation of policy, plans and measures of the agencies concerned with the environmental improvement and reconstruction; and (3) to propose improvement and reconstruction plans of the outer wall communities.

Three sets of questionnaires were used to collect data from community leaders, local politicians, academics, and related officers.

As a result, the study found that every group agreed that the preservation and improvement project of the outer walls should be the main responsibility of the Chiang Mai Municipal Council.

The plans of improvement were implemented the relocating any house that encroached upon or attached to the wall to a suitable distance from the wall area. The houses should, however, remain within the local vicinity. This plan would primarily assign a protection line around the area of the wall and develop a pedestrian walkway. Further aims of the project were the reinforcement of the wall, planting decorative flowers and encouraging people to participate in the maintenance of the wall. Subsequently the Arts and Treasures Department would allow the responsibility of the outer walls to remain with the Municipal Council. These two organizations should support each other academically as the success of the project implementation hinges upon the sincerity of both organization.