

Abstract

The study on “The Acknowledgement of the Persons With Disparity of Their Rights According to Article 20 of the Act of Empowerment of the Persons With Disparity B.E. 2550. Case Study of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration” aims to study the opinions regarding the rights of the persons with disparity according to Article 20 of the Act of Empowerment of the Persons with Disparity B.E. 2550. The methodology is survey, document research and data collection from the field survey and the sample groups of people are the 285 residents in 3 districts, namely Phya Thai, Ratcha Thevi and Dusit District of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration. The statistics in the analysis is the percentage, mean, standard deviation and comparison of average mean by t-test with the program SPSS. The results of the study is as follows.

Most of the sample groups are male, aged between 41-50 years old, with single status and the educational background of secondary school. Most of them are disabled in physical movement and later become handicapped. The nature of their occupation is self-employment or hired employees with the income between 5,000 - 10,000 Baht. The study about their acknowledgement about their rights according to Article 20 of the Act of Empowerment of the Persons with Disparity B.E. 2550, on the basis of concept and purpose, it was found that most of the sample groups' understanding is at moderate level. While it was found that their opinions about their rights according to Article 20 in receiving the service of the medical rehabilitation, are at high level. On the other hand, it was found that the rights to receive the service of education, the rehabilitation in occupation, the social services and other services, at the moderate level. Moreover, from the general data it was also found that the difference in their age, educational level, income and types of their disability has affected the difference on their acknowledgement of their rights according to Article 20. While the study on the opinions about their rights according to Article 20, it was found that the rights of obtaining the social service for the blind, especially the one-eye blind has the right to apply for driving license for the disabled, is at low level.

For the recommendations, it should promote the acknowledgement about their rights according to Article 20 of the Act of Empowerment of the Persons with Disparity B.E. 2550 in receiving the educational, occupational and social services, which are not yet comprehensive for the persons with disparity in each category. It should also expand the channel of information about issuing the identity cards for the persons with disparity, especially in the area of Bangkok Metropolitan. It includes the campaign in issuing the identity cards for the persons with disparity in order to make it cover all areas. At the same time, it should make a publicity about rendering the various types of service to the persons with all types of disparity. As the Act of Empowerment of the Persons with Disparity B.E. 2550 is the newly enacted Act, and has the increasing various rights for the persons with disparity, but they still do not acknowledge their new various rights.