

The purpose of this research was to study the educational state and problems. Guidelines for solutions to the problems included educational needs of parents and students of Islamic College of Thailand.

The findings revealed that Islamic College of Thailand was a unique educational institute under the control of Department of General Education, providing general education, Islam religion and Arabic, religious services, including dormitories for Muslim high school students.

The problems of the college were found as the government policy in establishing this college in Thailand was not clearly specified at the levels of state, ministry of education and departments. This caused problems in educational organization and school administration. There was no continuity between Islamic and Arabic courses taught at junior and senior high school levels, which obstructed the evaluation of students' achievement level. The lack of school budget caused problems in running the school activities. Most of the parents were poor and could not assist the school at all. Private sectors and organizations did not adequately participate or assist the school. Moreover, the school couldn't recruit new students according to the school requirements. The school had no assembly hall to organize meetings or public services.

Guidelines for solutions to the stated problems were as follows: regarding the curriculum of Islamic and Arabic courses, teaching techniques training should be provided for the teachers and the content of the courses should be improved. For the lack of budget, the Department of General Education should allocate special budget to Islamic College of Thailand and assign more personnel to handle the dormitory affairs permanently. The school should be better promoted.

Regarding the educational needs, the school administrators needed more budget to run the school activities. The parents and students wanted the school to organize short occupational training courses, to continue teaching Islam religion, Arabic and also general education.

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