NAPALAI KASIWAT: STATE AND PROBLEMS OF NON-PROFIT PRIVATE SCHOOLS

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF BUDDHIST TEMPLES. THESIS ADVISOR: ASST.PROF.

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The purpose of this research was to study the state and problems of non-profit private schools under the patronage of Buddhist Temples during 1945-1990, the administration processes, the teaching and learning, the school activities and co-operation received.

## Findings:

The first non-profit private schools under the patronage of Buddhist temples was founded in 1934, providing education for poor rural boys, novices and monks in academic subjects. Until 1959, women and girls were allowed to become teachers and students in these schools. In 1966, an agreement was made by the Mahathera Council not to set up or transfer any of the schools.

At present there are 40 schools all over the country. The schools administration pattern is under the law of Private School Act 1982. Generally the schools are at secondary education level. The teachers followed the Ministry of Education Curriculum. Some schools offered Lanna Language courses and sermon preaching to substitute music and physical education courses for novices and monks.

Although most of the schools received government financial support and tuition fee, they lacked fund to improve teaching, learning and school buildings. The teachers' salary was the largest expense of the schools.

The problems schould be solved as:

The government should subsidize more of the teachers' salary and closely examine the schools' expenditure.