

Porn-tip Sae-Tieo 2008: Proletariat Class Consciousness of the Members of the Communist Party of Thailand: Case Study of Those Who Used to Carry Out Their Activities at the Permanent Base in Nan Province. Master of Arts (Social Development), Major Field: Social Development, Interdisciplinary Graduate Program. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Ponpirom Chiengkul, M.S. 230 pages.

This research aims to investigate the conceptual proletariat Class Consciousness of the members of the Communist Party of Thailand, who used to carry out their activities at the Permanent Base in Nan Province in terms of condition of emergence, its existence, its development and the changes of their proletariat class consciousness. The sampling of the studies are the members of the Communist Party of Thailand (CPT), who used to carry out their activities at the Permanent Base in Nan province. The data were collected from in-depth interview of 22 persons. Analyses of the data and conclusion were performed by induction method.

The results of the study is that the characteristic elements of proletariat class consciousness which consist of definition, genesis, structure, content and development, are based on Marxist theory and related to the concrete situation in Thailand. The emergence of proletariat class consciousness are based on 5 conditions; the study within the party, school or family fosterage, participation in proletariat, state tyranny, and communist unit recruitment. The communist unit recruitment is the most decision condition, in which the emergence and the enhancement of proletariat class consciousness had been carried on by CPT's effective training and revolution activities. The study of Marxism and participation in revolutionary practices and the result of revolutionary practices are key criteria determining the existence and development of proletariat class consciousness of CPT's members who used to carry out their activities at the Permanent Base in Nan Province.

In 1983, after the fall of the Permanent base in Nan Province, the proletariat class consciousness of the members of the CPT was changed dramatically. There remain a few members of the CPT in Nan Province who still maintain strong proletariat class consciousness and carry on their activities with revolutionary spirit. While the other are corrupted and turn down their former ideology completely or even turn against the CPT.

This is the first group accounts for 13.63 per cent of the sample. The second group who still adhere to Marxism but do not participate in political activities account for 22.73 per cent. The third group are those who have changed class consciousness to embrace other formers of consciousness account for 54.55 per cent. The last group, comprising 9.09 per cent of the respondents, are those who have turned against proletariat class consciousness and Marxism. They have colluded with the ruling class and spied on their former comrades.

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