

ABSTRACT

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This thesis aims at studying 1) the role of the government sector, its procedures and measures set up to protect intellectual property, with emphasis on copyright, 2) problems and obstacles for the government sector in undertaking its work, and 3) solutions to those problems and obstacles. The research is done through investigation of documents and interviews of government officials so as to gain information on the work of three government units: The Department of Intellectual Property, the Ministry of Commerce ; the Central Court for Intellectual Property and International Trade, the Ministry of Justice, and the Economic Crime Investigation Division, the Royal Thai Police Headquarters. The researcher has found that the government sector is quite efficient in undertaking work to protect intellectual property concerning copyright. In terms of law, the Copyright Act of 1994 has extensively covered this issue. Problems and obstacles in protecting intellectual property come from the fact that the personnel

in this field still lack skills, so trainings should be organized for them. Moreover, the general public should be informed so that they will be aware of their wrong-doing if they infringe other people's right. It is also found that enough budget has been allocated and materialized; for instance, there was a project to introduce the significance of intellectual property to the public. This project was initiated by the government sector and sponsored by the fund from the Department of Intellectual Property. Some other projects have been co-sponsored by private organizations.