

THESIS TITLE : A STUDY OF OPERATIONAL CONDITION WITHIN PRE-SCHOOL  
CENTERS IN THE MONASTERIES, UDONTHANI PROVINCE

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#### ABSTRACT

The purposes of this research were:1) to investigate the present condition, problems, and needs of pre-school centers; 2) to compare the opinion between the administrators and the teachers concerning the operational condition; and 3) to search for some suggestions for education development of pre-school centers. In order to achieve the goals, it needed to study the educational practices of the pre-school centers, administrators and teachers. The working areas covered the places, environment, personnel, academic, budget, community relations, and public relations. The sampling subjects were 150 administrators and 235 teachers. The research tools were a set of questionnaires and the semi-structured interview. The program computer was employed to analyze the data to acquire percentage, mean, t-test.

The results were as follows :

1) Most pre-school centers had two rooms. The children were between 2-5 years old. The administrators and teacher completed the secondary level or equivalent who were mostly 21-30 years old. About 55 percents of teachers were precedently trained. Buildings were built temporarily in the same area. All budgets came from the Department of Religion and from the monastery itself. Some playgrounds had no equipment and some had but were inadequate. Most centers served supplementary food (milk) as well as lunch which the parents were not required to pay for. The activities were performed accordingly to the syllabus of the Department of Religion.

2) The operational practice which emphasized on personnel, academic, budget, buildings, environment, community relations, and public relations was performed at "moderate" level, extensively.

3) Some additional opinions and suggestions, recommended from the sample group were to have their own building, with good surrounding and environment, where can be permanently served the function; the administrators and teachers should be precedently assisted in training; the activities performed should be followed accordingly to the Department of Religion recommendation. The budget spending should be well-planned, fund raising should be carried out from private sectors in order to establish the foundation, and community should actively participate in the program.