

THESIS TITLE : A STUDY OF PRESENT CONDITIONS, PROBLEMS AND NEEDS FOR
AN EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT WITHIN PRE-SCHOOL CENTERS
IN THE MONASTERIES, KHON KAEN PROVINCE.

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ABSTRACT

This research was conducted at pre-school centers in the monasteries of Khon Kaen Province. The purposes were (1) to investigate the present conditions of the pre-schooling management ; (2) to examine the problems and needs for the practices ; (3) to find some directions to advance the practices.

The sample consisted of 15 district sacers, 53 abbots/teachers, 77 teacher assistants, 16 district superintendents and 157 guardians.

The instruments of the study comprised of a set of questionnaire and structured interview form. The earned data were analysed by a computer program (SPSS/PC+) to acquire percentages, arithmetic means, and standard deviations.

Findings :

1. The investigation concerning the present condition of the pre-schooling management revealed as follows :

- As for the features of the centers, it was found that the children were mostly 3-4 years old. The teacher consisted of monks

and teacher assistants. The teacher assistants were mostly females, graduated a secondary school level or equivalent, and had some experiences in pre-school care.

- School building consisted of available buildings, temporary buildings, and monastery pavilions.

- Budgets obtained from government and donation. Lunch and between meals were provided by the centers, but some were brought by the children ; the contribution from the parents and guardians concerning the expenditure of lunch and snack was between 10-60 Baht a month. Daily physical check-up was performed by the teacher assistants. The centers also performed the administrative aspect and public relations in order to influence the parents and guardians, community, and related government sectors to participate in pre-schooling management of the monasteries. Furthermore, the curriculum, teaching experiences and evaluation methods of the General Education Department were also applied. It was found that the performance of the pre-school centers was at "above average" when looking at all six aspects altogether (personnel management, academic, school plant, budgetting, and community relations).

2. Problems and Needs : It was found that it had "little" problems, but when looking closely at each aspect at a time it was found that the significant problems were lacks of instructional materials, financial budget, playground facilities.

As for the matter of needs, it was found that the financial aids, instructional materials were the "most" needs, whereas the repayment, laythings and playground facilities were subsequently needed.

3. The directions to advance the practices which recommended by the respondents that the government should provide financial aids sufficiently for the program in order to support the teacher assistants adequately.