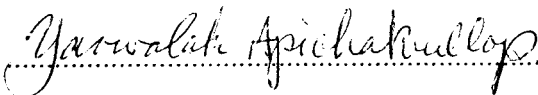
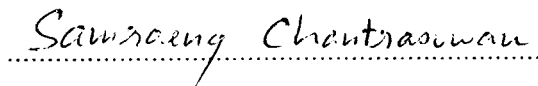


THESIS TITLE : FACTORS RELATED TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDE  
TOWARDS FOREST RESOURCES OF THE PEOPLE IN  
A RESERVED FOREST : A CASE STUDY IN LAO PDR.

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ABSTRACT

The objectives of this research were 1) to acquire the data of level of knowledge and attitudes towards the forest resources of the people residing in the reserved forest, and 2) to identify the factors related to the level of people's knowledge and attitude towards the forest resources in the reserved forest.

The study samples were 200 people of five villages of Sangthong district, Vientiane municipality, including 40 leaders and 160 general villagers. These included 147 men and 53 women.

This research used the individuals as the unit of analysis. Accidental sampling was used to acquire the sample for study. Independent variables used in this study were gender, age, educational level, status in the family, social status, social group membership, faith in religion, worldview of nature, definition of the situation

Data were collected by means of interviewing using the interview schedule and test of knowledge and attitudes towards forest resources. The acquired data were analyzed by percentage, mean, standard deviation and Chi - Square from the SPSS/PC<sup>+</sup> program.

**The result of the research :**

1. People's knowledge about forest resources was at the medium level ( $\bar{X} = 11.280$  and  $S.D = 2.511$ ).

2. People's attitude towards the forest resources was at the high level ( $\bar{X} = 56.690$  and  $S.D = 3.617$ ).

3. The factors which were significantly related to the knowledge and attitude towards forest resources in the reserved forest at the significant level of 0.05 were educational level, worldview of nature, and the definition of situation of forest resources. The first two variables were found to be related to the knowledge, while the latter were found to be related to the attitudes towards forest resources.