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The main purposes of this study are fourfold (1) to study present characteristic concerning socio-economic structure and physical condition of Ratchaburi province, (2) to study the problem and the area in question, (3) to study trend and potential in Ratchaburi province development and (4) to advocate the way to solve the problems and the suitable way in province developing. Results of the research are as follow:

Economic structure of Ratchaburi province mainly depends on trade and service and industry sectors which the product value is 17.24 percent of total regional product value and the income per capita is 10,338 baht, higher than regional and national income per capita. The amount of population of Ratchaburi is at the second of the western region and the increasing rate is 4.34 % per annum in average. The occupational structure of the population in labor force is mainly in agricultural sector.

By the hierarchical distinguishing of the main problem of Ratchaburi, the important problem which should be urgently corrected are the problem of forest intruding and destroying, the low expansion of agricultural products and the more expansion in cropping area than increasing the production efficiency.

Therefore, the development way of Ratchaburi relevant to the main problem and Potential in developing those areas should be specific on primary national resource conservation and development, the promotion on agro-industry, domestic industry, Small industry which has a high development trend, and tourism development; for income distribution of the area and promoting the role of Ratchaburi province as the center of Western Region.