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The purpose of this research was to develop the Kratai Khadeaw game of thai children to be a competitive game with the standard rules.

The game in all parts of Thailand was studied then the competitive patterns were designed and the experimental stages were performed. When the game was completely developed, it was evaluated by the players, the spectators and the experts. A tournament was competed for a prize. The players and the spectators filled in the evaluation forms after the game. The experts rated after watching to the video taped. The players, the spectators and the experts had the same opinions. They thought that the developed Kratai Khadeaw game was fun, easy to play and safe. Moreover, it was good for physical, mental, social and prudent development.

The important features of the Kratai Khadeaw game were as follows:

- 1. It was a team sport with 6 players in each teame.
- 2. The court of play was a square of 8 x 8 meters.
- 3. There were two teams: one was a chasing and the other was a running team. A player of the chasing team, who was called "Kratai", hopped with one foot and tried to touch the opponents, in the running team within 30 seconds.
- 4. The number of the opponents that Kratai touched was the score that the chasing team got.
- 5. The two teams alternately acted as a chasing team and a running team.
- 6. The team that scored first to 15 points won the set, and the team that won 2 in 3 sets won the game.