

SAWALEE ARCHASUWON : FACTORS ASSOCIATED TO THE EDUCATIONAL CONTINUATION AND LABOR MARKET ENTERING OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES, ACADEMIC YEAR 1986, CHANGWAT SAMUT SAKHON. THESIS ADVISOR : ASSO.PROF.SUMLEE THONGTHEW, Ph.D. 125 PP.

The purpose of this research was to study the factors associated to the educational continuation and labor market entrance of the elementary school graduates, academic year 1986, Changwat Samut Sakhon.

The findings were that the factors associated to the educational continuation and labor market entrance supported the earlier set hypothesis as follow :

The elementary school graduates who continued education had high academic achievement. The economic status of their families were high. Their average income were 2,000-3,999 baht/month. Moreover there were some other factors as follow:- they wanted to progress in their lives; most of the sample's parents' occupation was in agriculture sectors; the average numbers of the sample's siblings was 1-3; the marriage status of the sample's parents indicated that father and mother were still alive and lived together; most of the sample's parents graduated at elementary level, and wanted their children to continue education; most of the sample had received educational guidance from their teachers; and they were socially motivated by educational news in the newspaper.

According to those entering labor market, most of them had high academic achievement. The economic status of their families were high. Their average income were 2,000-3,999 baht/month. Moreover there were some other factors as follow :- they wanted to earn their own living to prove themselves; they needed to work; their parents' occupation was being employee in business sectors; the average numbers of the sample's siblings was 4-6; the sample's parents graduated at elementary level and expected their children to work immediately after they graduated at elementary level; the sample had received the vocational guidance from their teachers and socially motivated by the news about unemployment caused by educational failure in the newspaper; and the economic situations in Changwat Samut Sakhon's facilitated occupation.

In addition, the peer group factor was not associated to educational continuation and labor market entrance. Concerning the attitudes of the society on education and occupation, the elementary school graduates who continued education and who entered labor market expressed their opinions at the uncertain level. Therefore, it cannot be concluded that the attitudes of the society was associated to educational continuation and labor market entrance.