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The problem of prostitution in Thailand has become a multi-national problem which affects the reputation of Thai women and breeds numerous criminal problems. Although there are several groups of people being involved in the prevention, extermination and rehabilitation, but the problem is still existed. From the documentary research and interview with concerned persons such as police officers, lawyers, women who used to be prostitute in foreign countries, diplomats and social workers, it has been found that there are many laws governing the matter but are not appropriate. There are also some problems in the law enforcement and uncertain policy of the government. In order to solve the problem, the following two alternatives are envisaged. The short-term solution is to tighten the regulation and procedure for travelling out of the country, provide rehabilitation for deported women, enforce severe punishment for the abusive officials, formulate a clear and specific policy for the offenders by prohibiting them to get in and out of the country, cooperate with international organizations for better coordination and exchange of information, as well as train the organizations or people who are respectful to the villagers to be the media of information. The long-term solution is to improve the criminal and related laws, adopt additional offenses for preparators, tempters of the boys for prostitution or intermediaries of prostitution, employ measures of probation and punishment to intermediaries, make use of concept of conspiracy, improve the economic and social problems and carry out women development schemes.