

Thesis title A Survey of the Vocational Interests of
Mathayom Suksa Three and Mathayom Suksa Six
Students for the Academic Year 1984 in the
Northern Region

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to survey the vocational interests of Mathayom Suksa three and Mathayom Suksa six students in the Northern Region for the academic year 1984, according to the following variables : class level, sex, fathers' occupation, mothers' occupation, parents' level of education, parents' level of income, students' level of achievement, students' level of proper understanding of job, knowledge and capability required for occupation in which students are interested.

The subjects for this survey were 618 Mathayom Suksa three students (276 boys and 342 girls) and 565 Mathayom Suksa six students (230 boys and 335 girls) selected by multiple stratified random sampling.

For data collection, the researcher, in cooperation with a team of graduate students, collected data through a questionnaire developed for their projects. The questionnaire consisted of three

parts; the first part was about the students' personal data; the second part was parents' data; the third part was the students' vocational interests.

Data on vocational interests of Mathayom Suksa three and Mathayom Suksa six students were analyzed through percentage.

The findings of the study are as follows :

1. Both boys and girls in Mathayom Suksa three and six show the highest degree of vocational interest at the first, the second and the third order of preference for Professional-Technical Occupations.

2. The five occupations in which the Mathayom Suksa three boys were most interested, at the first order of preference, were Electronic Technology, Police, Architecture, Armed Force and Engineering. Mathayom Suksa three girls were most interested in Nursing, Medicine, Teaching, Secretarial, Engineering and Selling. Mathayom Suksa six boys were most interested in the Armed Force, Police, Engineering, Civil Service, Animal Breeding. Mathayom Suksa six girls were most interested in Nursing, Banking, Teaching, Medicine and Business.

3. The first three orders of vocational interests of students in Mathayom Suksa three and six, with regard to their parental careers, were Professional-Technical Occupations. Furthermore, most of students' interests did not relate to their parental occupations, except those whose parents were Professional-Technical Occupations.

4. When considering the variables of the parents' level of education, their level of income and the students' level of academic achievement, Mathayom Suksa three and six students showed the highest

vocational interests for the Professional-Technical Occupations.

5. When considering reasons for vocational interests, Mathayom Suksa three boy students mention high remuneration; Mathayom Suksa six boy students indicate independent work; Mathayom Suksa three and six girl students indicate devotion to others, to the community and the country.

6. For vocational interests in the first order of preference, Mathayom Suksa three and six students show a moderate level of proper understanding of the nature of the job and a moderate level of knowledge of the ability required for those particular occupations.