

The study entitled "Readiness for the Expansion of Social Security System to the Small Enterprises in Mueang District, Chiang Mai Province" is designed to study the readiness and its constituent factors for its expansion to the small enterprises, employees, employers, and social security officers and to analyze problems, obstacles, and possibility of the expansion of social security system to small enterprises in Mueang District, Chiang Mai. It is also designed to study the knowledge and understanding of employers and employees about the social security system. It is based on a total of 493 samples consisting of 257 employees and 236 employers, including the 13 social security officers, of whom 3 are administrative officers and 10 responsible officers. Data are collected through a set of questionnaires and interview. This study points to the following conclusions:

1. Employees and employers in the small enterprises and the social security officers in Mueang District, Chiang Mai Province are well prepared for the expansion of the social security system.

2. Factors affecting the employees' readiness for the expansion of the social security system to small enterprises are ascribed to their age, education, income, career, and knowledge and understanding of the social security system.

3. Factors affecting the employers' readiness for the expansion of the social security system to small enterprises are ascribed to their knowledge and understanding of the social security system.

4. Most of the employees have good knowledge, but have least or not understand of the social security system.

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6. Obstacles in implementation of the social security system for the small enterprises are as follows: lack of good public relation, service does not encompass remote areas, and the public is lacking in knowledge and understanding of the social security system.