

WISIT NIPPITA : ENTRANCE EXAMINATION OF THE GOVERNMENT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MINISTRY OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS AS PERCEIVED BY ADMINISTRATORS, COUNSELORS, AND STUDENTS. THESIS ADVISOR: ASSO.PROF.WALLAPA S.DEVAHASTIN, Ed.D., 178 PP. ISBN 974-583-091-7

The objectives of this research were to study and analyze the present situation, problems and obstacles concerning the National Entrance Examination to public higher education institutions under the Ministry of University Affairs (MUA); and to recommend future trend of the National Entrance Examination.

It was found that most administrators, counselors and students viewed that the present situation of the Entrance Examination was highly appropriate in terms of distribution of application forms, application procedures, location for the application, duration of time, selection for entering institutions, subjects to be tested, announcement of the results, physical check-ups, interview, and the management of the entrance examination by MUA. As for private tutoring schools, most counselors and students shared a common opinion that those who got special tutoring had better chance to pass the Examination for they gained more knowledge and experience which were adequately prepared for the examination. In relation to the role of counselors, most counselors felt that they played a vital role in helping students choose the fields of study more appropriately and that students who got advice were likely to pass the Examination.

Regarding the problems of the National Entrance Examination, students found the insuitable examination rooms. Some successful candidates tended to give up their rights if the faculties they selected were at the lower priority. Most administrators perceived that the obstacles were types of papers, specialized subject papers, and marking criteria.

The future trend still supported MUA as the appropriate agency to handle the Entrance Examination provision. It was recommended that standardized tests be developed in Testing Center in MUA. More application and testing locations would be added for applicants convenience as well as more than once a year Entrance Examination should be given in addition, MUA test scores would be sent by MUA to universities for interviewing their prospective students.