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The purpose of this research was to analyze the state of university research promotion in Chulalongkorn University and Mahidol University on policies, plans/projects, structure of research administration, budget provision for research, implementation and nature of the activities, fundamental factors supporting research, excellent research and diffusion of research results, and to study problems and obstacles of research promotion in Chulalongkorn University and Mahidol University during the 6th period of the University Development Plan. The research was conducted mainly by analyzing documents and supported by interviewing.

The research findings were that Chulalongkorn University geared toward a research university by emphasizing research as much as production of graduates and determining research to relate to instruction. Vice-President for Research Affairs is the head administrator of research, and the university administrative organizations consisted of research committee, research coordination committee and research section. The research fund that Chulalongkorn University received came from external research fund most. The ratio of the research budget from government budget was also stable and had tendency to consume the university research fund more to support the procedures in various forms, ie, Research Unit Cells, Research Institutes, Task Forces, Forum and Inventions, etc.; most of which emphasized on scientific and technological research. Research dissemination was based on Research Dissemination Project. The confronted problems and obstacles were few staff were interested and capable of conducting qualified research, standardized criterias on research result consideration were not available, and research support personnel were not enough, etc.

Concerning Mahidol University its policy geared toward a comprehensive university by promoting research and discipline development in science and technology, clinic, public health and social science, and education and human resource development. Vice-President for Research and Foreign Relations was the head administrator of research, and the university organization was Research Promotion Section, Division of Academic Affairs. Concerning budget, Mahidol University received research support budget from outside most. The amount of the research budget from government budget was stable. The relevant activities were conferences between researchers and users, and research projects indices provision, etc. Research dissemination was based on Research Promotion Section and university public relations. The confronted problems and obstacles were lack of organization coordinating at policy level, project level, and implementation; and difficulty of coordination since the university campuses were widely scattered, etc.