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The objective of this research is to study the housing and living conditions of labours working in the factories within Phra Pradaeng District, especially those who are not provided by factory's dormitory. In addition, the relationship between locations of labours accommodation and their working places is also studied.

The finding in the study reveal that most of the labours working in the factories come from rural areas and have no accommodation of their own. Therefore, it is necessary for them to live in rented accommodation which appear in many forms : one-storey wooden house, two-storey wooden house, raised-floor wooden house, wooden row house, room for rent, house made from wood and concrete and factory' dormitory. The rent of these accommodation ranges from 300 - 1,000 baht per month. Most of the rented accommodation are in decent to fair condition. Electricity service covers all of the area, but the water supply service area is limited to cover only the municipality and sanitary districts. The tenants elsewhere have to buy water or use either underground or canal water. Prices and location nearby factory are more attractive to labours compares to environment. As a result the choose to live in the accommodation with lower price near the factory than in those with better surrounding. The working place of the labours is within 1 kilometre from their accommodations. Most of the labours buy cooked food from shops or markets near their accommodations. Private clinics near the accommodations provide health care service for these labours. Merit making and having parties are the main activities that foster the relationship between labours and their neighbours. The major problem with neighbours is loud noise made by neighbours which disturb the night.