

APPENDIX A

QUESTIONNAIRE IN ENGLISH

A Survey of Thai Parents' Attitudes towards Importance of Pre-kindergarten Schooling and Major Considerations in Choosing Pre-kindergarten Schools for Children

This questionnaire is a part of a research as a partial fulfillment of the requirements for Master of Arts in English for Careers, Language Institute, Thammasat University. The objective of the study is to survey Thai parents' attitude towards importance of pre-kindergarten schooling, to describe and explore the major consideration of Thai parents in choosing pre-kindergarten schools for their children.

A researcher would like to ask for your cooperation to answer the following questions according to your information and opinion. Your information and provided data in this questionnaire will be strictly confidential and used for research purposes only. Your cooperation in spending your time to answer this questionnaire is highly appreciated.

This questionnaire will be divided into 4 main parts as follows:

Part 1: General information of parents

Part 2: Parents' opinion on the importance of pre-kindergarten schooling

Part 3: Parents' considerations in choosing pre-kindergarten schools for children.

Part 4: Suggestions.

Part 1: Parents' characteristics

Instruction: Please answer the below questions by marking (X) in front of the best answer that match to your personal information.

1) Gender☐ Male☐ Female**2) Age**☐ Less than 25 yrs☐ 26-30 yrs☐ 31-35 yrs☐ 36-40 yrs☐ 41-45 yrs☐ 46-50 yrs☐ More than 51 yrs**3) Educational Background**☐ Primary School☐ High School☐ Vocational School☐ Bachelor Degree☐ Master Degree☐ Doctoral Degree☐ Others (Please specific)**4) Occupation**☐ Private employee☐ Governmental & State Enterprise employee☐ Self-employed / Business Owner☐ Retired / Unemployed☐ Others (Please specific)**5) Status**☐ Married without children☐ Married with 0-3 years old children☐ Married with > 3 years old children☐ Others (Please specific)

6) Family income

- ☐ Less than 30,000 baht / month ☐ 30,001 – 50,000 baht / month
☐ 50,001 – 70,000 baht / month ☐ 70,001 – 90,000 baht / month
☐ More than 90,001 baht / month

Part 2: Parents' opinion on the importance of pre-kindergarten schooling

Instruction: Please use the following scales to answer the below questions by marking (X) in the best answer that reflect your idea.

Please check only one answer for each question.

1. Strongly agree (5)
2. Agree (4)
3. Neither Agree nor disagree (3)
4. Disagree (2)
5. Strongly disagree (1)

No .	Statements	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neither Agree or Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
7	You think that the learning in the first three years of life profoundly impacts children's life.					
8	You think that learning in the first three years of life results in brain development.					
9	You think that the connection of neurons results in children's development, especially during their first three years.					
10	You think that proper stimulation will develop children's ability such as body movement, vision, hearing, speaking.					
11	You think that the surrounding environment is important to children's brain development.					
12	You think that children can learn more from an enriched environment than an impoverished one.					

No .	Statements	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neither Agree or Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
13	You think that less stimulation during the first three years of life will lower children's brain efficiency or slow response to stimuli.					
14	You think that earlier learning is better, especially in children's first three years.					
15	You think that the children's intelligence is related to their learning experience during their first three years.					
16	You think that each intelligence is more from genetics than learning environment.					
17	You think that pre-kindergarten learning is suitable for the first three years of life.					

Part 3: Parents' considerations in choosing pre-kindergarten schools for children.

Instruction: Please use the following scales to answer the below questions by marking (X) in the best answer that reflect your idea.

Please check only one answer for each question.

1. Strongly agree (5)
2. Agree (4)
3. Neither Agree nor disagree (3)
4. Disagree (2)
5. Strongly disagree (1)

No.	Statements	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neither Agree or Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
18	You think that pre-kindergarten school should have attentive teachers and staff.					
19	You think that pre-kindergarten schools should set affordable tuition fees.					
20	You think that pre-kindergarten schools should have small class size.					
21	You think that pre-kindergarten schools should provide adequate facilities for children and parents such as school bus service, playground.					
22	You think that pre-kindergarten school's syllabus should not aim at academic achievement only.					
23	You think that learning in pre-kindergarten school should not be limited to the classroom.					

Part 4: Suggestions

Instruction: Please give your opinions for the following questions.

24) In your opinion, what are the advantages that you expect to get from pre-kindergarten school?

25) In your opinion, what are the disadvantages that you expect to get from pre-kindergarten school?

Thank you for your kind cooperation in answering this questionnaire.