

WICHIAN INTASI : EASTERN SEABOARD DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION : A CASE STUDY IN POLICY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIVATISATION OF LAEM CHABANG PORT. THESIS ADVISOR : PROF. TIN PRACHYAPRUIT, Ph.D., 171 PP. ISBN 974-578-338-2

The objective of this research is to study the Eastern Seaboard Development Administration. The scope of research covers policy outputs/ program performance and factors which influence to the policy implementation. The data collected and analyzed are based on documents, interviews and survey.

The research findings are that implementation of the privatisation of Laem Chabang Port policy runs counter to a protest from the Labour Unions in the Port Authority of Thailand (PAT), because they feel that policy standards and objectives of the implementation are aimed at privatisation, which, in turn, will have some ramifications on their interest. This protest results in government's adjustment of the policy. In addition, there are several factors which impinge upon the implementation process. They are namely: (1) policy standards and objectives; (2) political situations; (3) economic and social conditions; and (4) communication and authorities for enforcement. However, the most critical factors which influence this implementation are policy standards and objectives and political situations. In addition, it was found that policy implementation model utilized in this thesis is very beneficial for Development Administration both in terms of academic and practical purposes.

In the end, the author has some recommendations to make as follows:

(1) the government and Eastern Seaboard Committee should monitor and evaluate the management and operation of Laem Chabang Port of PAT.; (2) the government should not act in such a way as to get involved in bribery and corruption from policy implementation of the privatisation; (3) an attempt should be reviewed to enforce the Labour Relations Act of B.E. 2518 in public enterprises; and (4) there should be revision of the Port Authority of Thailand Act of B.E. 2494 in order to make it conducive to changing circumstances.