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The purpose of this research was to study the international organizations' aid for the improvement of the quality of Thailand's primary education, problems and results from receiving the aid and trends of the international organizations' aid in the future.

The research findings indicated that during the Educational Development Plans 1-6, international organizations assisted in improving the quality of Thailand's primary education with 14 projects, in terms of experts, training, grants and loans.

There were 7 international organizations assisting Thailand's improvement of primary education, and 3 Thai organizations receiving aid from the foreign organizations.

The officials from the 10 organizations indicated that problems concerning receiving such aid from the 7 international organizations were : redundancy of the organizations handling the same things, the projects coordinators and related officials did not have experience in writing project proposals which caused delays.

The results gained from receiving the aid were advantages and disadvantages. The advantages were Thailand obtained technical expertise and experience from the experts. Study and observation tours abroad made the projects in good progress. The disadvantages were wasting a lot of money in taking care and maintenance of the instruments and materials donated, moreover, Thailand had to reveal some information as natural resources, population in some areas which might affect Thailand's political status.

The trends of international organizations' aid in the future would be loans.