

## ABSTRACT

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The study deals with the opinions of the Thais in Bangkok toward the Arab people in Thailand with the objectives to study the degree of knowledge about Arab people who enter Thailand of Thai people, the opinions of Thai people in Bangkok toward Arab people who stay in Thailand and the correlation between background variables and the degree of knowledge about Arab people of Thai people and their opinions toward Arab people as well.

The samples used in this study are 252 Thai people who live in Bangkok and being a member of various groups of society who interact with Arab people. Research instrument in this study is questionnaires. The data are obtained through questionnaires distribution to the samples and asking them to fill in the questionnaires. The statistics used to analyze the data are percentage, average, standard derivation, t-test and F-test methods.

The results of the findings are as follows;

1. The samples can be categorized into male and female with an approximate equal numbers. Their average ages are 33.47 years old. Most of them are Buddhist with the education level of bachelor degree and above. The major occupations of the samples are workers in private companies with the average monthly salary lower than 10,000 baht.

2. Major characteristic of relation between Thai people and Arab people is business interaction: Arabs are their clients.

3. The overall degree of knowledge of Thai people in Bangkok toward Arab people is in middle level.

4. Thai people have moderate opinions towards Arab people.

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5. Variable factors of gender, age, education level, occupation, income and religious have no effect on the degree of knowledge of Thai people towards Arab people. Moreover, these variable factors have no effect on the opinions of Thai people in Bangkok towards Arab people also.

Suggestions are as follows;

1. The basic information about Arab people should be increasingly distributed to the public. At the same time, business interaction with Arab people should be enhanced to Thai people increasingly also.

2. The preventive measures toward the violation of Thai laws by Arab people should be drawn up and the counter- transnational crime and Arab terrorist groups organizations should be established in Thailand as well.