

ABSTRACT

Title of Research paper : The Awareness of Importance of Environmental Problems
Effecting People's Health in Warinchumrab Municipal Area
of Ubonrachathani province

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The study on the awareness of importance of environmental problems effecting people's health in Warinchumrab municipal area of Ubonrachathani province aimed to 1) examine the level of awareness of importance of environmental problems effecting people's health; and 2) determine factors effecting the awareness of importance of environmental problems effecting people's health. The population in this study are the people in Warinchumrab municipal area of Ubonrachathani province where the total of 275 samples were selected by multi-stages sampling technique. This research used structure questionnaires as instruments for data collection. Analysis was made by using percentage, mean, standard deviation, Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient, and Point-biserial correlation coefficient.

The result of this study are as follows:

1. Among 275 samples, most are females aged between 36 – 50 years with average income of 7,200 Baht per month, and with primary level of education.
2. Regarding their perception of information on environmental problems effecting health, it was found that more than one-third of the samples had moderate level of perception of information. The priority of information sources of environmental problems

effecting health showed that about one-third of the samples obtained such information through television programme.

3. The people had high level of knowledge about environmental problems.

4. The people had moderate level of awareness on the importance of environmental problems effecting health.

5. The people had high level of attitude towards environmental problems.

6. In determining of the relationship between various factors and the awareness of importance of environmental problems effecting health, it was found that educational level, occupation, perception of information and knowledge about environmental problems effecting health had relations with the awareness of importance of environmental problems effecting health. While age, income, attitude towards environmental problems effecting health were not related to the awareness of importance of environmental problems effecting health.

The researcher recommended that:

1. Related activities and training should be conducted to educate the people about environmental problems effecting health of the people in various occupational engagement.

2. Higher education including formal and informal education should be promoted and encouraged to the people.

3. Related articles and programme about environment should be available in a variety of media such as television, newspapers, radio, journals and magazines.

4. The people should be actively and continuously provided with adequate knowledge on environmental problems effecting health since it has positive effect upon the awareness of importance of environmental problems effecting people's health.

5. To promote and increase people's awareness as well as positive behavior in prevention and decrease of environmental problems, public campaigns and relevant activities should also be widely conducted as well.