

Abstract

The study on “the Guidelines for Improving the Elderly’s Performance under the Promotion of Utilizing the Elderly’s Wisdom Project” aimed to explore the Elderly’s performance and difficulties in working under the Promotion of Utilizing the Elderly’s Wisdom Project”. The samplings of the elderly who participated in the Project during the fiscal year of 2007 were 297 persons. The questionnaire used for collecting data and analysing with statistics of frequency, percentage, means, standard deviation and correlation s of t-test, F-test (One-Way Analysis of Variance or ANOVA) at the significant level of 0.05. The results were as following.

Most of the samplings were female aged between 65-69 years, accomplished with primary education, engaged in agriculture, earning average salary 5,000 baht or less per month, and having wisdom in agricultural aspects. They had highly performed in transferring their wisdom without gender discrimination. They frankly transferred their wisdom to interested children and the others by teaching or narrating. It found that the difficulties of performance were at a moderate level. Of which were searching new knowledge applied into existing wisdom. They could transfer their wisdom to the others with limited time only after daily work. They viewed as being good health were suitable for doing good transference. They faced with the travel problems for transferring wisdom such as lack of vehicles. In conclusion, they needed the government to train know-how skills for the elderly and induce the next generation to join for conserving our tradition and culture.

The recommendation for improving the Elderly’s Performance under the Promotion of Utilizing the Elderly’s Wisdom were enhancing their skills and techniques in transferring their wisdom and equipped them with new knowledge. The Wisdom Learning Center should be established to conserve the traditional wisdom for the next generations.

