

## Abstract

This is a study on "Factors Influencing the Choice of Occupation of the Unemployed In Accordance with Social Security Act of B.E. 2533 in Bangkok Metropolitan, Region 1" The objectives of the research were to study the factors influencing the choice of occupation of the unemployed, direction of the choice by using a concept on occupational choice and other researches as a guidance in the study. The independent variables of the samples consisted of gender, age, educational level and experience. Direction of the choice of the unemployed consisted of 3 types, namely, independent, worker employees working in establishments and employees working abroad. Dependent variables had 2 components, namely, external values such as remuneration, prestige, job security and internal values which consisted of challenge, responsibility, freedom. The samples consisted of the unemployed in accordance with the Social Security Act who registered with the Bangkok Job Placement office, Region 1. The data were collected by using questionnaires distributed by the office officials to the unemployed who came to report themselves during the first 2 weeks of February B.E. 2550. Ninety-six questionnaires were returned. The data analysis was based on standard statistics, namely, percentages and averages. Most of the respondents were female, 30-39 years old, higher educational level graduates with work experience of 7 years for most of them.

The findings were as follow:

The factors on job security and responsibility had influence on the choice of occupation with close averages. Prestige had the lowest average as an influence. In considering the response of factors influencing the choice of occupation further on other aspects it was found that the unemployed' s response of factors on remuneration, welfare and services had the highest average. As for the direction of the choice of occupation, more than half of the unemployed were interested in choosing independent occupation. On the study of the relationship of sample characteristics and direction of the choice which influenced the choice of occupation, it was found that the unemployed

who were younger than 25 years old gave more importance to a factor on remuneration than those who were in the 30-39 age group and over 40 years old. The unemployed with less than a 3 years experience and 5-7 years experience gave importance to a factor on responsibility more than those with experience of over 7 years.

On the factor of direction of the choice of occupation, it was found that the unemployed who chose to work abroad gave importance to the remuneration factor more than those who chose to work independently and the unemployed who chose to work independently gave importance to the responsibility factor more than those who chose to work abroad.

The researcher suggested that the Job Placement Office should expand the rights and benefits of unemployment insurance by setting up a Fund and vocational development to support the unemployed to work independently. The unemployed themselves should follow-up on the information relating to job availability and labour market so that they could develop their skills to suit the direction of the occupation.