

Abstract

The study on “The Inheritance of Farming Occupation in Tambon Bang Pasee, Amphur Bang Lane, Nakornpathom Province” aims at exploring the situation of the inheritance of farming occupation by the farmers’ offspring in the Area, factors and reasons influencing the decision to inherit the ancestor’s occupation by utilizing concepts and theories concerning socialization process, occupational decision, and the analysis of personal nature and components of individuals as guidelines for a survey study. The data are collected by interviewing 40 samples. Two case studies are also presented as part of the study.

The study finds that the majority of farmers’ offspring in the Area who are studying or finish their study at the level of lower secondary education or higher choose to inherit farming occupation from their parents. Most of those who make such decision are males aged between 25 years and over with lower secondary school education. Factors and reasons for their choice are manifold such as land ownership, rearing pattern, familiarization, participation in family farming, feeling of independence, flexibility that allow them to hold other activities or supplementary occupations, occupational security, the belief that farming is the main source of family income, and the awareness that farming is their ancestor’s occupation and has to be inherited. On the other hand, those who do not choose to inherit farming occupation give the reasons that they lack farming skill and intimacy, farming is heavy work with low compensation, and that they do not have land of their own respectively.

The study recommends that the parents of farmer’s offspring should be encouraged to cultivate participation, familiarization, socialization, and cultural moulding through family institution to produce new generation farmers. Other guidelines include the development of farmers’ potentiality, and the opening up of opportunity and learning platform for interested outsiders to exchange ideas in order to preserve farming occupation in Thai society.