

Abstract

The study on “The Readiness of Peddlers and Stall Vendors in Wang Lang Siriraj Market to be Affiliated with Social Security Scheme” aims at exploring the knowledge about social security system, the ability to pay the contribution and the intention to join in social security scheme of the peddlers and stall vendors in Wang Lang Siriraj Market.

The study finds that the majority of the sampling group responding the questionnaire are females aged between 20-30 years, single, bachelor's degree graduates, and earn an average income of 18,538 baht per month. Most of them have never heard about the extension of social security scheme to cover informal labor. Only a small number of the sampling group learn about it from television media and understand that all benefits to be received under the Scheme would be the same as those for general company employees. It is found that most of them have knowledge about social security at moderate level.

More than half of the sampling group are interested to be affiliated with social security system, but they think that the amount of contribution to the Fund is too high. Their ability to pay contribution is about 174.33 baht per month on an average, and most of them are convenient to pay through 7-Eleven stores and secondly through the banks.

The majority of the sampling group are not sure about their joining social security scheme because they do not have sufficient details of the procedures under Article 40 of the Social Security Act. Another important reason for not joining is that they are not convinced of their rights and protection.

By asking the sampling group to name 3 types of social security benefits they need the most, it is found that the first priority needed is sickness benefit, followed by death benefit and old age benefit respectively.

The study recommends that the Office concerned should undertake a survey on the needs of different groups of informal labour for social security protection

to motivate them to join the System, and should increase more publicity strategies than being presently used.