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Food sanitation in schools is not very effective and therefore it is needed to develop strategies. The objectives of this cross-sectional explanatory research were to find relationships between the management and the role performance of sub-district health officers responsible for food sanitation in schools in Phetchaburi Province. The samples consisted of 91 sub-district health officers and 57 teachers responsible for food sanitation in schools. By taking interviews, data was collected from 1st January-30st March, 1999.

The results of the research showed that the majority of sub-district health officers were males (57.1%), their average age was between 21-30 years (56.0%) and they had held a position as health worker (62.6%). The overall role performance of sub-district health officers was found to be at a level which called for improvement(42.1%) as assessed by teachers and sub-district health officers themselves. Overall management resources were found to be at a moderate level (65.9%) and process of management was found to be at a moderate level (44.0%). Management resources such as man, money and material were significantly related to the role performance of sub-district health officers responsible for food sanitation in school (p-value<.05). The overall process of management such as planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling were significantly related to the role performance of sub-district health officers responsible for food sanitation in schools (p-value<.05). The results of multiple regression analysis revealed that the process of management such as directing, planning, staffing, controlling and organizing could explain the variation of the role performance at 63.02%. It was recommended that sub-district health officers who are responsible for food sanitation should have continuous supervision, appropriate planning, training, a good reporting system and a direct line of command, thereby increasingly affecting the role performance for food sanitation in schools.