

Pitchai Thongnavarat 2013: Sufficiency Economy Philosophy Application for Agriculture of Students in Wat Benyapard School, Kanchanaburi Province. Master of Science (Agricultural Extension), Major Field: Agricultural Extension, Department of Agricultural Extension and Communication. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Pichai Tongdeelert, Ph.D. 183 pages.

The objectives of this research were: 1) to study basic demographic factors of students, 2) to identify the learning activities of students, 3) to indicate the application of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy for agriculture of students, 4) to test the relationship between basic demographic factors, learning activities and the application of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy, and 5) to study problems and seek for suggestions of students. Samples were 66 students at Wat Benyapard School, Kanchanaburi province. Data were collected by using questionnaires. Statistical analyses included percentage, arithmetic mean and Chi-square test.

Research results revealed that respondents were 34 males and 32 females with an average age of 14.15 years old and studied in junior high school. Most of them stayed with their parents (38 respondents), received an average daily allowance at 26.82 Baht. All of them participated in both inside and outside classroom activities. They expressed high favorable opinion towards teachers, friends, learning media and school environment. The application of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy was done mostly in school.

Hypotheses testing illustrated that gender related to Sufficiency Economy Philosophy application on cultural items for providing information to parents. Learning media related to Sufficiency Economy Philosophy on environmental items for practicing in school at 0.05 level of significance. Suggestions from students were as follows: school should increase farming areas, farm equipment such as hoes, spades, field trips about Sufficiency Economy Philosophy and campaign for young generation to be interested in agriculture.

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