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Abstract

This research aims to deal with the pattern of the establishment of a District Vocational Community College of the Department of Vocational Education, Ministry of Education and the obstacles in the establishment of a District Vocational Community College in Amphur Bauyai, Nakornratchasima Province

This study is based on the population in question and a sample group. The former was composed of 23 first-year students of the academic year 1992 and their parents, 20 local leaders/head government officials, 13 members of the study group for the appropriateness and the feasibility of the District Vocational Community College Establishing Project. In this regard, data collecting was carried out through a questionnaire set by the researcher. The Percentage Mean and Standard deviation was used to analyse the data.

The findings of the research survey covering 6 specific points showed that, on the average, the level of concordance in the opinions of the local leaders/head government officials was the highest. On the contrary, the concordance in the opinions of the members of the study group for the appropriateness and the

feasibility of the District Vocational Community College Establishing Project was high. Members of this group deemed that the opinions of the local people should be taken into account as far as policy-making process was concerned. Further, personnel recruitment should be based on educational background and ability. Arrangements for personnel training and the welfare which should be taken care of before the actual operation of the college were essential for the success of the project.

Regarding the location of the college and the period of construction, the level of concordance in the opinions of all groups was high. Suggestions were also made that importance be given to the infrastructure such as water supply, and electricity. The main problem of this project lay in the fact that the legal aspects concerning the use of the land which had to be approved by the Ministry of Interior and the authorities of Nakornratchasima Province have not yet been finalized. As a result, the project development and the construction plan could not be properly effected. Moreover, the construction budget was less than previously earmarked for the project, resulting in construction delays. This state of affair affected adversely the teaching conditions. Due to the limited budget, there was not enough money to cover operation overheads, the costs of teaching materials and teaching staff.

With regard to the appropriate allocation of budget for teaching materials and other equipment, especially vehicles, the infrastructure and special equipment, the level of concordance in the opinions of the members of the study group was moderately high.