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Students: A Case Study on Homosexual Behavior
in the Educational Region Twelve.

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ABSTRACT

The study was designed to investigate homosexual behavior, some factors which relate to homosexual behavior and attitude toward homosexual behavior of adolescent students in the Educational Region 12. The research questionnaires consisted of three sections measuring family backgrounds, homosexual behaviors and attitudes toward homosexual behavior.

The research data was collected from 1,052 adolescent students (male: 343; female: 708) who were studying in high school and vocational school of the Educational Region Twelve in Thailand during the second semester of the academic year B.E. 2531. The frequency distribution, percentage, Chi-square test, t-test and analysis of variance were used to examine the results of the study.

The results indicated that 3.5% of the adolescent students showed homosexual behaviors (female: 3.2%; male: 0.3%) and 16.8% were at high risk of homosexual tendency. It was found that more

female students' response showed homosexual behaviors than male students. The students in girls' schools showed more homosexual behaviors than the students on the co-educational schools. None of the students in the boys' school responded to have homosexual behavior. In each sex group, there was no significant difference in homosexual behavior in different types of schools.

Furthermore, the research showed that the onset of homosexual behavior in female students was between 11.1-12.5% among 14-15 years old. Data from the group mentioned indicated that 7.7% studying in the first year of high school, 9.8% of the above mentioned students had only female siblings, 6.0% from the family that consisted of more brothers than sisters. There were 70.0% response expressed lack of maternal respectful characteristics, 15.2% emphasized maternal love toward sons more than daughters, 91.2% of the female students indicated lack of intimate relationship with their sisters. There were 20.6% female students reported experience of having close friends who are homosexuals, 14.7% were their class-mates or room-mates who were homosexuals. In reporting current living condition 50.0% of the students lived with their friends, 14.3% lived with their father and 14.3% lived in another places.

The age of the high risk of being homosexual behavior in female students was reported as follows: 57.1% were at 14 years old and 35.0% were at 19 years old. In addition, parents (fathers: 55.6%; mothers: 56.4%) showed the lack of permission in giving children an opportunity of decision making. The high risk male students are from families that their mothers' occupations were related to management or service giving, 76.2% of the mothers had little time for their sons. Most of these male subjects used to separate from their families and stayed at private or school dormitories or more

than one place. Among these students, 30.2% had experience of intimate relationship with their homosexual friends.

The attitude of female students on homosexual behavior was better than the attitude of male students. Most of students in girls' school had better attitude towards homosexual behavior. The students in the co-educational and the boys' school showed lower degree of attitude than the students in the girls' school, respectively. In each sex group, there was no significant difference among different types of schools. Furthermore, it was found that this attitude was changed following the increase of the high risk of homosexual behavior.

The study showed rather high proportion of homosexual behavior students and high risk of homosexual behaviors among students studied. It is highly recommended that parents, guardians, instructors, mass media and those involved in the development of adolescent students consider serious efforts to prevent homosexual behavior among adolescent students.