

Thesis Title

The Restitution Program for the
Victims of Crime by the State :
A study of the Opinions of the
Criminal Justice Personnels and
the Law Instructors of the State
Universities

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ABSTRACT

The objectives of the study are to study the opinions of the criminal justice personnels and the law instructors in the state universities towards the concepts of restitution program by the state for the victims of crime, the scopes, procedures, problems and obstacles of the program, characteristics of the victims and the offenses involved in the restitution program by the state, and the feasibility of the restitution program by the state. The samples are 285 cases consist of police officers of the Technical Service Division and the Legal Affairs Division, the state lawyers and judges in the metropolitan area, the officers of the Department of Penology, the private lawyers of the Lawyer Association of

Thailand , and the law instructors of the state universities. The data are gathered by questionnaires. The results of the study are summarized as follows:

1. Most of the samples agree with the concept of restitution program for the victims of crime by the state and the establishment of restitution for the victims of crime in Thailand.

2. Most of the samples agree that the restitution for the victims of crime should be restituted for the ones of the offenses of life and body in the criminal act; the victims who are not involved in the offenses as the supporters of the offenses; the ones who are injured from the aid on the crime prevention and suppression to the state authorities; the victim of crimes that the offenders are unable to substitute and the ones who need aids with partly return of the restitution from the offenders; there must be minimal and maximal rates of restitution with non - restitution if below the minimum ; the damage must be evaluated to the amount of money ; in case that the victims of crime are to be substituted by other sources , the restitution is not to be held for.

For the problems and obstacles of the restitution program by the state to be held in Thailand, most of the samples indicate that;there might be immoral claim for the restitution;the restitution might false and unjusted;the restitution program may enable illegal interest of the authorities;there might be the problems of the funds for restitution;there should be some funds from the private sectors; and the restitution program may be established in Thailand with appropriate scopes and procedures.

3. Most of the samples agree that the restitution program should be applied to all classes of sexes, ages, educational levels and economic state of the victims of crime; the restitution program should be also applied to the victims of crime in the life and body cases, say, the attempted and unattempted murders, accident homicide, also the ordinary and hard injuries, and accidental injury, and the restitution program should not be applied to the victims of the offenses of properties.