

*Thesis Title*

*Knowledge and Attitude Toward the  
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among the Assistant District Officers*

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#### **ABSTRACT**

*The objective of this research is to study the levels of knowledge and attitude toward the environmental problem in rural area among the assistant district officers, to find the relation between knowledge and attitude, and to study the factors that impact on knowledge and attitude toward the rural environmental problems. The rural environmental problems are specifically the present and serious problems of the rural area which are the problems of the forestry, soil and water.*

*The study, done by research through mailing questionnaires, consists of population total 405 from multi-stage random sampling of the assistant district officers all the country. The 363 questionnaires were completed and returned back or about 89.62 percent. The data were analysed by using, the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS<sup>x</sup>). The outcome of the analysis can concluded as follows :*

1. The most of the assistant district officers are 68.42 percent moderate to high in knowledge and 75.69 percent fair to good in attitude, also. In addition, knowledge in the rural environmental problems have been related to attitude in positive direction at the 0.001 level of significant

2. The factors that related to knowledge in the rural environmental problems are the assistant district officers who have education in bachelor degree and more than, operated less than 5 years, operated at the west and operated in the area more than one year. They were related to knowledge in rural environmental problems more than the other and finding those factors have related with knowledge in the rural environmental problems, significant level at 0.01 .

3. The factors that related to attitude in the rural environmental problems are the assistant district officers who have education in bachelor degree and more than, prescription in operational between 6-10 years, operational in the east and in the area more than one year with the statistically significant level at 0.01 .

Recommendations are presenting that the assistant district officers should attend the training program that has the rural environmental problems curriculum. The Local Administration Department should indicate the role and the obligation of the assistant district officers in dealing with the rural environmental problems.