

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCE IN CAMBODIA FOR THE ASEAN COMMUNITY

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to study the current state of forensic science, the conditions and factors concerned with forensic work, and the strategic development of forensic science in Cambodia. This research is conducted by textbooks, related research, articles, journals, abstracts, and in-depth interviews. The sample of this research is 14 people in Cambodia and 12 in Thailand.

The results of the research found that current forensic science is not common and the justice process uses witnesses more than forensic science, so many cases are dismissed since there are many problems such as lack of forensic tools, lack of forensic police, and forensic doctors, inquiry officials, and budget, along with problems of personnel doing work not related to their skills, problems with management, and political trends, as the government does not realize forensics' importance, and some Cambodian people do not understand how important an intact crime scene is because they often destroy evidence intentionally, and unintentionally.

Research suggested that the government should increase the budget for police officers, for forensic tools, and training courses for technical forensic police in the Department of Technical Forensic Police, Ministry of the Interior, and allow all police officers to work according to their skills, and give scholarships to study in foreign countries, and undertake foreign exchange programs.

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