

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PSYCHOLOGICAL CAPITAL AND ETHICAL BEHAVIOR IN SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, SONGKHLA PROVINCE: A CASE STUDY OF HATYAIWITTAYALAISOMBOONKULKANYA SCHOOL

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this survey research was to study the relationship between Psychological Capital and Ethical behavior in secondary school students in Songkhla Province. The sample group was 387 students in the Hatyaiwittayalaisomboonkulkanya School in the academic year 2015. The data collection instruments had 3 parts: a Student's general questionnaire, the Thai Psychological Capital Inventory and the Ethical Behavior Questionnaire. The study results found the levels of Psychological Capital, in Psychological Capital components such as Hope, Self – efficacy, Resilience and Optimism and Ethical behavior of secondary school students, were moderately high. The results of comparing Ethical behaviors based on gender found female students had higher Ethical behaviors than male students with a statistical significance at a 0.001 level and the results of comparing Ethical behavior based on class levels found that students who studied at different class levels did not have different Ethical behaviors. In addition, the Psychological Capital and Psychological Capital components were positively related to Ethical behavior at a moderate level with a statistical significance at a 0.001 level and that Psychological Capital components such as Optimism, Self – efficacy and Resilience can predict the Ethical behavior of secondary school students by 29%. The correlation coefficient is 0.538 and the standard error of estimate is ± 7.857 .

The recommendations for further study would be an increase in the sample size and be extended to other populations, including take other psychosocial factors, to explain Ethical behavior. The research results suggest that promoting and supporting Optimism, Self – efficacy and Resilience can be a method by which there can be an increase in, and help to develop, the levels of Ethical behavior in secondary school students.

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