

## Abstract

This research is a studied of the relationship between the Aeng Ko performing arts and ethnic diversity in Nakhonsawan Province. The objective is studied the original, faith, and ritual of the performance which effects to ethnic diversity community in Nakhonsawan province. As of this studied, results are revealed as the following.

1. The original of this performance has an idea from the Khou Leang San heroes' epic. Performers, who wear makeup and act like Busong (Chinese monk) in the epic, are rapping on armor and knocking on wood. Originally, there are 108 performers in each play but the amounts are less now because of the limitation of performers' abilities. A development of Aeng Ko performance is presented by adapting to suit the present celebration of Phak Nam Pho gods and goddesses ceremony.
2. The today presentation of faith and traditions which are hand on from parentage are an important role of society and individual. In addition, practiced rituals are also a reflection of faith group in society which shows up consistent with the present.
3. The characteristic of society can be reflected by the relationship of faith and ritual of Aeng Ko performance and revealed in ritual and faith of society. For instance, the Aeng Ko performance in the present cerebation of Phak Nam Pho gods and goddesses is the most important activity of Thai-Chinese and Chinese in Nakhosawan province. This activity is a cooperation of different Chinese ethnic groups such as Chaozhou, Guangdong, and Hainan. According to the relationship between this performance and faith, the society is affected as in the following.
  - a. An idealistic of individual faith relationship cannot be limited. For instance, showing gratitude to ancestor and respect to god will receive unexpected rewards as all they need from god.
  - b. The relationship affects society. This performance activity is cooperation not only between each Chinese ethnic groups but also government and private. Due to the fact that each Chinese ethnic groups belief in many gods and goddesses and realizes how important of this activity, they participate by playing their own performance in this ceremony. As a result, this activity brings many tourists in the area and increases benefit to local entrepreneur