

**THE INTERNET SEX SERVICE OF FEMALE STUDENTS**

**POL.LT.COL. ARUN WANICHANUN**

**A THESIS SUBMITTED IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF  
THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF  
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
(CRIMINOLOGY, JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIETY)  
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES  
MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY**

**2007**

**COPYRIGHT OF MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY**

Thesis  
Entitled  
THE INTERNET SEX SERVICE OF FEMALE STUDENTS

.....

Pol.Lt.Col. Arun Wanichanun  
Candidate

.....

Asst. Prof. Srisombat Chokprajakchat, Ph.D.  
Major-Advisor

.....

Arayan Trangarn, Ph.D.  
Co-Advisor

.....

Pol.Col. Piya Uthayo, Ph.D.  
Co-Advisor

.....

Assoc.Prof. Oratai Rauyajin, Ph.D.  
Co-Advisor

.....

Prof. M.R. Jisnuson Svasti, Ph.D.  
Dean  
Faculty of Graduate Studies

.....

Asst. Prof. Srisombat Chokprajakchat, Ph.D.  
Chair  
Master of Arts Programme in Criminology,  
Justice Administration and Society  
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Thesis

Entitled

THE INTERNET SEX SERVICE OF FEMALE STUDENTS

was submitted to Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy

(Criminology, Justice Administration and Society)

on

March 9, 2007

.....

Pol.Lt.Col. Arun Wanichanun

Candidate

.....

Assoc.Prof. Somkid Isarawatana, Ph.D.

Chair

.....

Arayan Trangarn, Ph.D.

Member

Asst. Prof. Srisombat Chokprajakchat, Ph.D.

Member

.....

Pol.Col. Piya Uthayo, Ph.D.

Member

Asst. Prof. Nittaya Sumretphol, Ph.D.

Member

.....

Prof. M.R. Jisnuson Svasti,

Ph.D.

Dean

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Mahidol University

.....

Assoc.Prof. Suree Kanjanawong,

Ph.D.

Dean

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Mahidol University

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

This doctorate thesis could be successfully completed only through the kind assistance of Dr. Somkid Isarawatana, Chairman of the Thesis Evaluation Committee, Asst. Prof. Dr. Srisombat Chokprajakchat, Thesis Controller and Advisor, Prof. Dr.Oratai Rauyajin, Dr.Arayan Trangarn, and Pol. Col. Piya Uthayo, Members of the Thesis Evaluation Committee who sacrificed their valuable time to give the researcher advice and various useful ideas, correcting mistakes and giving constant encouragement. The researcher takes this opportunity also to thank Asst. Prof. Dr.Nittaya Sumrethol for being a member of the Thesis Evaluation Committee.

I would like to thank all five highly qualified experts, Dr. Vichien Tansirikongkhon, Pol. Col. Yanaphon Youngyuen, Pol. Col. Montri Yimyaem, Pol. Lt. Col. Daran Chatcharoen and Mr. Sombat Boongamanong, for sacrificing their valuable time for me so that I could interview them and for giving me their valuable opinions on the subject under study. Thanks are also due to the 20 female students selling sex through the Internet and the five sex customers who participated in the study for sacrificing their time for the interviews.

I am grateful to all my superiors and classmates, the 45<sup>th</sup> group of the Police Academy, member friends of the Buddha Amulets Club, Panthip Plaza, all officials in the Department of Social Sciences, and all my subordinates who gave me their constant encouragement.

Let me express my heartfelt thanks to my grandmothers Boonyuang and Wong, my father in-law, Pol.Maj.Gen. Nuttakon Karnplook, My uncles Jew, Banjob, Jirasak, Boonlert and all my uncles and aunts, Pol. Lt. Col. Nimit Karnplook, Auk Aui, Nong Hero, Ning and Nong who were worried for me and offered their support and encouragement in all aspects.

Finally, I would like to express my love and gratitude to my beloved father, Somchai and mother Duangkamol who were constantly worried for me, and my dear wife, Nillawan Wanichanun, for making this thesis a success.

**Pol.Lt.Col. Arun Wanichanun**

THE INTERNET SEX SERVICE OF FEMALE STUDENTS

POL.LT.COL. ARUN WANICHANUN 4438137 SHCJ/D

Ph.D. (CRIMINOLOGY, JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIETY)

THESIS ADVISORS: SRISOMBAT CHOKPRAJAKCHAT, Ph.D.,  
ARAYAN TRANGARN, Ph.D., ORATAI RAUYAJIN, Ph.D.,

ABSTRACT

This study has the purpose of understanding the issue of sex sale by female students through the Internet. The study looks at causes leading students to sell sex, and measures of prevention and solutions to the problem. Method was the interviewing of 20 female students studying at present for a Bachelor's degree or other comparable course with the experience of selling sex through the Internet. All interviewees reside in Bangkok. Additionally, 5 customers of sex through the Internet and 5 academics who are involved with the problem of sex sales through the Internet were interviewed, this was in order to obtain wider information and opinions about the problem of sex sales, forms and methods of sex sale, and measures or guidelines for solutions to prevent and solve problems of this kind of sale. Content analysis in order to collect data, and opinions and suggestions from theories or experiences about this kind of sex sale are used.

The results found that almost all of the sample population sell sex through the Internet directly to the buyer, all of the communication was on an individual basis: they don't depend on agents or middlemen. In the announcements on the chat room pages or web boards, they use clear and direct words showing that they want to sell sex. There are two methods of contact between the sex seller and the sex buyer (customer). They use telephones and the computer program MSN messenger. Most of the sex sellers don't choose their customers. The choice by customer will depend on the figure, looks, proportions, age, and education etc. of the seller. Most of the sample population sells sex temporarily, hourly, and uses motels as the location. Important causes for sex sale are lack of money, materialism, personal needs, family problems and a modern value system that values sex among the teenagers, in descending order. About the measures and solutions to sex sale by female students, the opinions of the participants or sample population were more or less the same. They can be grouped into three parts: there needs to be social measures, legal measures and technological measures.

KEY WORDS : INTERNET / SEX SERVICE / FEMALE STUDENTS

165 pp.

การขายบริการทางเพศของนักศึกษาหญิงที่นำเสนอผ่านทางอินเทอร์เน็ต (THE INTERNET SEX SERVICE OF FEMALE STUDENTS)

พินิตารวจโท อรุณ วานิชานันท์ 4438137 SHCJ/D

ปร.ด. (อาชญวิทยา การบริหารงานยุติธรรมและสังคม)

คณะกรรมการควบคุมวิทยานิพนธ์ : ศรีสมบัติ โชคประจักษ์ชัด, Ph.D., อารยัน ตระหง่าน, Ph.D.,  
อรัทัย รวยอาจิม, Ph.D.,

#### บทคัดย่อ

การศึกษาวิจัยนี้มีวัตถุประสงค์เพื่อทราบถึงรูปแบบการขายบริการทางเพศของนักศึกษาหญิงผ่านทางอินเทอร์เน็ต สาเหตุที่นักศึกษาหญิงขายบริการทางเพศ ตลอดจนมาตรการในการป้องกันและแก้ไขปัญหาการขายบริการทางเพศชนิดนี้ โดยการสัมภาษณ์นักศึกษาหญิงที่กำลังศึกษาตั้งแต่ระดับปริญญาตรีหรือเทียบเท่าลงมา และเคยมีประสบการณ์ขายบริการทางเพศผ่านทางอินเทอร์เน็ตที่พักอาศัยอยู่ในกรุงเทพมหานคร จำนวน 20 คน ผู้ชายที่เคยซื้อบริการทางเพศผ่านทางอินเทอร์เน็ตที่พักอาศัยอยู่ในกรุงเทพมหานคร จำนวน 5 คน และผู้เชี่ยวชาญที่เกี่ยวข้องกับการขายบริการทางเพศอีกจำนวน 5 คน เพื่อให้ได้ข้อมูล ข้อคิดเห็นต่างๆ ในเชิงวิชาการเกี่ยวกับปัญหาการขายบริการทางเพศ รูปแบบและวิธีการขายบริการทางเพศ รวมถึงมาตรการหรือแนวทางในการป้องกันและแก้ไขการขายบริการทางเพศชนิดนี้ โดยการวิเคราะห์เนื้อหา (Content Analysis) เพื่อให้ได้เนื้อหาสาระเกี่ยวกับแนวความคิด และข้อเสนอแนะจากความรู้เชิงทฤษฎีหรือประสบการณ์ที่เกี่ยวข้องกับการขายบริการทางเพศชนิดนี้

ผลการวิจัยพบว่ากลุ่มผู้เข้าร่วมการวิจัยเกือบทั้งหมดขายบริการทางเพศผ่านทางอินเทอร์เน็ตโดยตรง ซึ่งผู้ขายบริการทางเพศจะเป็นผู้ดำเนินการขายบริการทางเพศผ่านทางอินเทอร์เน็ตเองทั้งหมด ไม่ผ่านเอเจนต์หรือคนกลาง มีการใช้ค่าตอบแทนแบบตรงที่ระบุชัดเจนว่าต้องการขายบริการทางเพศในการประกาศขายตามหน้าห้องสนทนาหรือเว็บบอร์ดต่างๆ ส่วนวิธีการติดต่อสื่อสารระหว่างผู้ขายและผู้ซื้อบริการทางเพศมี 2 ช่องทางใหญ่ๆ คือทางโทรศัพท์ และโปรแกรมแชท MSN ผู้ขายบริการส่วนใหญ่จะไม่เลือกลูกค้า แต่ผู้ซื้อบริการจะเลือกผู้ขายบริการขึ้นอยู่กับความพอใจของแต่ละคน อาทิ รูปร่าง หน้าตา สัดส่วน อายุ การศึกษา ฯลฯ และกลุ่มผู้เข้าร่วมการวิจัยส่วนใหญ่จะขายบริการแบบชั่วคราว และใช้โรงแรมม่านรูดเป็นสถานที่ที่ใช้ในการขายบริการทางเพศ สำหรับสาเหตุหลักที่ทำให้นักศึกษาหญิงขายบริการทางเพศ คือ ความขัดสนในเรื่องเงินทอง รองลงมา คือ ความต้องการมีวัตถุนิยม ความต้องการส่วนบุคคล ปัญหาครอบครัว และค่านิยมสมัยใหม่ในเรื่องเพศของวัยรุ่น ตามลำดับ ส่วนมาตรการในการป้องกันและแก้ไขปัญหาการขายบริการทางเพศผ่านทางอินเทอร์เน็ตนั้น ในภาพรวมกลุ่มผู้เข้าร่วมการวิจัยแสดงความคิดเห็นไปในแนวทางเดียวกันสรุปได้ 3 แนวทาง คือ มาตรการทางสังคม มาตรการทางกฎหมาย และมาตรการทางเทคโนโลยี

## **CONTENTS**

	<b>Pages</b>
<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</b>	<b>iii</b>
<b>ABSTRACT</b>	<b>iv</b>
<b>LIST OF TABLES</b>	<b>viii</b>
<b>LIST OF FIGURES</b>	<b>ix</b>
<b>CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION</b>	<b>1</b>
1.1 Background and Rationale	1
1.2 Research Questions	4
1.3 Research Objectives	4
1.4 Research Scope	4
1.5 Definitions	5
1.6 Expected Outcomes	5
<b>CHAPTER 2 LITERATURE REVIEW</b>	<b>7</b>
2.1 General Knowledge about Sex Services	7
2.2 The Internet and Sex	9
2.3 Preventive Policies, Measures and Guidelines for Responding to Problems of Sex Sale among Students	12
2.4 Criminological Theories	16
2.5 Related Research	27
2.6 Summary of Literature Review	35
<b>CHAPTER 3 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY</b>	<b>36</b>
3.1 Research Methodology	36
3.2 Research Participants	37
3.3 Research Tools	37
3.4 Data Collection	37
3.5 Protection the Rights of the Research Participants	40
3.6 Data Analysis	41
3.7 Summary of Research Methodology	42

## **CONTENTS (Conts.)**

	<b>Pages</b>
<b>CHAPTER 4 RESEARCH RESULTS</b>	<b>43</b>
4.1 Forms and Methods of Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet	44
4.2 Reasons for Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet	65
4.3 Guidelines for Prevention and Solution to the Problem of Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet	73
<b>CHAPTER 5 DISCUSSION OF THE RESEARCH RESULTS</b>	<b>84</b>
5.1 Forms and Methods of Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet	84
5.2 Reasons for Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet	90
5.3 Guidelines for Prevention and Solution to the Problem of Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet	98
<b>CHAPTER 6 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<b>105</b>
6.1 Summary of the Research	105
6.2 Recommendations	111
6.3 Recommendations for Further Research	113
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>APPENDIX</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>BIOGRAPHY</b>	<b>165</b>

## LIST OF TABLES

		<b>Pages</b>
Table 2-1	The response or adaptation to pressure from the social structure according to Merton's theory	18
Table 3-1	The Research Participants (interviewees)	37

## **LIST OF FIGURES**

	<b>Pages</b>
Figure 2-1 Social Containment Model	24
Figure 3-1 Data Triangulation to Ensure Trustworthiness	40
Figure 4-1 Forms of direct sex sale through the Internet	47
Figure 4-2 Sex sales through the Internet using agents	48
Figure 4-3 Methods for the sex sellers to contact customers through telephone	57
Figure 4-4 Methods for sex sellers for contacting customers through MSN programs	59

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Background and Rationales**

At present the Internet is universally acknowledged as an important tool for economic and social development and it has become one of the most popular communication tools globally. The number of users and the number of web sites is increasing daily. It is popular among people of all ages, both males and females. Students in tertiary educational institutions are frequent users of the Internet. Most of the users are teenagers who are intrigued by new technologies and feel that owning and using modern technologies makes them more acceptable among their peers. Some of these students use the Internet for academic work, to send and receive electronic mails and play on-line games. Some of them access the Internet looking for friends to chat to and to exchange ideas and opinions on various topics that interest them. However, there are also teenagers using the Internet to look for information about sex and to view pornographic images. Some use the Internet to sell sex services.

Some studies showed that children and youth used the Internet more for entertainment than for their studies. From the data available from the National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC), we can see that in the year 2004, 12% of the Internet users were below the age of 20. In the year 2005, this percentage has increased to 21.2%. They spent up to 9.2 hours per week on the Internet. Entertainment websites accounted for more than 30% of all web sites that children and youth visited. Only 2% of the web sites visited by this group were educational web sites. According to an ABAC Poll on the use of leisure time by students aged between 15 and 24 during the summer holidays in the provinces of Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Khon Khaen, and Songkla, the first three most popular non-

creative activities engaged during the holidays were viewing pornographic images on the Internet (53.8% of those surveyed), watching pornographic video tapes and video compact disks (41.5%) and having sex with partners (29.1%), respectively (Daily News, 21 December 2006).

Apart from that, the rapid advance in the Internet related softwares and technologies has made it possible for the Internet users to transmit sounds and images through the Internet conveniently and accessing a web site can be done rapidly. This facilitates the sale of sex via the Internet by female students in schools and colleges, both private and state supported. For some students, the necessity to engage in the Internet prostitution arose out of the poor economic conditions at home. Whereas some students with parents of high social status still engage in the Internet prostitution because of their materialism and consumerism. Despite the generally low sums of money provided by their parents, they crave for fashionable clothes and accessories, especially those with famous and expensive brand names. They feel these items win them acceptance from their peers. Research conducted by the Graduate Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University, on prostitution and e-commerce, disclosed that at present the software most favored by both men and women was "Pirch"; an Internet Relay Chat (IRC) program that could be used as a mean for buying and selling sex. The users of Pirch can speak to people according to channels arranged into chat rooms, for example, "Secondary girls selling sex", "Sex room of university students", "Room for lonely office girls", "Room for sex service", "Under graduate sex provider", "High society prostitute", "Handsome selling sex", "University sex service room", "College sex service room", "Student orgasm room", "Lover friend room". There were also other chat rooms with similarly suggestive names in which the sex buyer and seller can meet.

Researches found that people selling sex through the Internet were mostly female school students or university students and males between the ages of 16 and 30. The first reason for selling sex was that their sex drive is high. The second reason is money. The average rate for selling sex on the Internet is 500 Baht and above.

Generally, the prices were at 1,500 Baht. The actual prices depended on the looks, complexion, figures, skills, specialty and personal hygiene. There were also services delivered outside the premises like in the cars. (<http://www.kapook.com> as of January 4, 2003)

The sex business at present is not the same as in the past. Whereas, previously, many girls were deceived into prostitution and there were many people benefiting from it such as agents, owners of the business, madams and pimps, but at present, in Bangkok, most prostitutes were there by their own choices and can choose to have agents to find customers or they can find customers directly. Students at present are selling sex by utilizing the advancements in communications technology such as mobile phones and computers. These technologies made it very convenient to contact customers for the sale of sex. Such technologies also help them to avoid the police. For example, a prostitute's Internet homepage could be used to advertise her services and allows her to display her photograph and other information for her potential customers. In general, school students or university students who sell sex must possess good looks. If they are university students, they must be from prestigious universities; if not they must be young. The service charge on the average were 2,000 to 3,000 Baht. (Somprasong, 2001: 87)

The problem at present is that the Internet prostitution by female students is very widespread. Students offering sex services via the Internet are not necessarily only undergraduate students or vocational school students but also senior high school students and junior high school students in various institutions. This problem has reached a critical stage and it will lead to several other problems like illegal abortions and HIVS infections.

This research realized the importance of the problem and the need for studying various forms of and reasons for the Internet prostitution in order to use the information to formulate guidelines for preventing and solving the problem that are suitable for the present time.

## **1.2 Research Questions**

1.2.1 What are the forms and methods of the Internet prostitution by female students?

1.2.2 What are the reasons for female students to sell sex through the Internet?

1.2.3 What could be the measures for preventing and solving the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet?

## **1.3 Research Objectives**

1.3.1 To identify the forms and methods of the Internet prostitution by female students

1.3.2 To determine the reasons of female students who sell sex through the Internet

1.3.3 To seek workable measures for solving the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet

## **1.4 Research Scope**

The research focus on female students who are currently studying at undergraduate level in various universities in Bangkok or attending other tertiary level educational institutions and who have experience of selling sex through the Internet in Bangkok only. The purpose is to identify the forms and methods of the Internet prostitution and the reasons that had led these students to engage in it.

## 1.5 Definitions

**Sex Seller:** This refers to those female students who are currently studying in universities in Bangkok at undergraduate level or at other tertiary level educational institutions and who have experience of selling sex through the Internet.

**Sex Customer:** This refers to males of whatever age, status or occupation who have bought sex services through the Internet in Bangkok with their residence in Bangkok.

**Sex service through the Internet:** This refers to the sale of sex through the Internet by using instant messaging programs such as Pirch, mIRC and MSN. It is also referred to as the Internet prostitution.

**Chat:** An Internet service provided by web sites, used widely for sending messages interactively, similar to speaking on the telephone. There are divisions into different “chat rooms” according to various topics. The message typed by users in each room will appear on the screen of all the users in that particular room. There are several types of software that allow this kind of two-way communication such as ICQ, Pirch, MSN and IRC.

## 1.6 Expected Outcomes

1.6.1 Knowledge of the forms and methods of selling sex by female students who are engaged in the Internet prostitution in the Bangkok metropolitan area.

1.6.2 An understanding of the reasons female students sell sex through the Internet.

1.6.3 Guidelines for solving the problem of the Internet prostitution appropriately and effectively.

1.6.4 Guidelines for conducting research on matters similar to this particular research in the future.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

Various concepts, theories and other related research findings were used to determine the scope of this study which can be divided into six parts as follows:

- 2.1 General Knowledge regarding Sex for Sale
- 2.2 The Internet and Sex
- 2.3 Preventive Policies, Measures and Guidelines for Responding to Problems of Sex Sale among Students
- 2.4 Criminological Theories
  - 2.4.1 The Theory of Absence of Social Standards or Anomie Strain Theory
  - 2.4.2 Differential Association Theory
  - 2.4.3 Theory and Concept of Social Control
  - 2.4.4 Subcultural Theory of Delinquency
- 2.5 Related Research
- 2.6 Summary of Literature Review

#### **2.1 General Knowledge about Sex Services**

Prostitution has been in existence since pre-historical times. In Europe and the Middle East from the time of the ancient Greeks and Romans, there was the custom of sacrificing virginity to worship the gods. In Asia, there is evidence in India to show that prostitution was considered an honest and honorable job. In some cases, prostitutes were honored as people who were beneficial for the society. In China, prostitutes were considered experts in sex and were appointed as special advisors in the royal palace. For common people, there were places known as “tea-houses” where sex services could be bought. (<http://www.healthnet.in.th>, as of March 14, 2006)

In Thailand, during the reign of King Rama I, the word “prostitute” began to be used in the country’s laws and as the number of prostitutes was on the increase, there was a law designed to prevent venereal diseases.

In the year 2451, the old Royal Decree on venereal diseases was rescinded and Royal Decree 2503 was proclaimed in place of it. Later on, this was rescinded and replaced by the current Royal Decree on the prevention and suppression of prostitution proclaimed in 2539, determining punishments that are relevant to the time. However, this it was not a guarantee that prostitution would disappear. On the contrary, there was a trend for it to increase but hidden behind the facade of various kinds of legitimate businesses. (Jaran Phromyu, 2541:51-63)

At present, there are changes in the form of hidden sex services to suit the times like call girls, massage parlors, waitresses, tea houses or dance halls, female workers in “bar beer”, and escorts in pubs or Karaoke venues.

Phanu Lavakul (2545:41-42) defined sex services as the sale of sex from time to time, or as a permanent profession intentionally, or selling sex in a network with one agent, or selling sex through the Internet and divided into three main groups as follows:

1. **Private Sex Service:** This involves direct contact with customers through telephone or the Internet. In this form, there is no need of agents or brothels. The prostitute can also hide her social status or use her present status as a selling point, for example, in the cases where the female selling sex is a student in a prestigious institution, she can use it to demand a higher price.

2. **Disguised Sex Service:** This involves selling sex through agents or entertainment venues or offering sex services hidden in tourist services. For example, a package tour where sex services is included in the ticket price.

3. Selling Sex through a network: This refers to group sex, making contacts through the Internet, or as it is commonly known among Thai teenagers as “Swinging” or exchanging of partners.

## **2.2 The Internet and Sex**

The Internet is often compared to a two edged sword which can have both good and bad effects on the user. Students, especially who search for information on their own, may find information that is not appropriate. They may absorb Western cultures, for example, the more open attitudes of nudity in public. The use of the Internet may lead to more freedom of expression but also the deviation of the opinions, and could lead female students to prostitution before they realizing it.

Dr. Srisakdi et al. (2543) have written about the relationship between the Internet and sex. They state that the main characteristic of the Internet making it conducive for communicating about sex is that the Internet is open 24 hours a day. It connects one hemisphere of the world with the other and is beneficial for business, for education, for self-development, for development of human relationships and it can be a factor leading to social and political changes throughout the world. The people who use the Internet are of different ages, different economic status, or even different races. They all have different ways of using the Internet for sexual information. Men with more freedom in the use of the Internet will use it as a tool for sexual entertainment. Women who do not have much opportunity to know about sex may use it gain more knowledge and understanding of one’s sexual inclination. Singles may use the Internet to search for partners; teenagers who want to know and experiment with sex will use the Internet to do more harm than good to themselves by accessing pornographic and morally questionable web sites.

Besides that, Dr Srisakdi et al. point out the dangers to children and youth arising out of using the Internet inappropriately. They can be divided into four main

groups: dangers from seeking partners through the Internet, dangers from chatting, dangers from computer crimes and accessing adult web sites or what are called nude sites.

### **2.2.1 Dangers from seeking partners through the Internet**

Seeking partners through the Internet may be useful for shy people. But when there is merit, there's also demerit, because we will never know whether the person interested is genuine. It is easy to lie over the Internet. People can easily misrepresent themselves to take advantage of others. For example, there are numerous recorded crimes involving older men pretending to be teenage boys over the Internet and making arrangements via "chat rooms" or email to meet teenage girls whom they later met and raped.

### **2.2.2 Dangers from Chatting**

People new to the Internet often get addicted to what teenagers call "chat" or "on-line chat". There are many forms of chat, such as through the web sites "chat rooms", through instant messaging program such as IRC, ICQ, mIRC and Pirch which are popular with teenagers. People who have not had access to the Internet before often find it interesting to "chat on-line". Since these people do not know the hidden motives of the other party, they fall victims to mischievous people easily. As mentioned earlier, it is easy for people to hide their true identities and motives on the Internet.

### **2.2.3 Cyber Sex**

There are several types of Internet crimes but often referred to generally as "Cyberstalk". Cyberstalk involves perpetrating crimes using high technology, using the Internet as a tool to threaten and defame others. It may take the form of retrieving private information of the victim to threaten them or cause damage to them. In some cases it had resulted in murders.

### ***Danger from Pedophile***

Pedophiles are people who deceive children and have sex with them. They may join the chat room where there are many children and tempt them until the child gets attached to them. Then they will make an appointment to meet the child. Some children will be fooled and agree to meet them. In the end, they will rape and even kill the victim.

#### **2.2.4 Danger from accessing adult web sites or sexually explicit web sites**

Most of such web sites have no caution on the first page or mechanisms to prevent children using them. There may not be immoral pictures on the first page but when it comes to the second page there may be alluring pictures even though they are not yet completely pornographic. On this page, the web sites often ask to confirm if the user is over 18 years of age. However, people less than 18 can enter these web sites simply by lying. Although, there are some web sites which required each user to enter the username and password in order to access the material. However, there are also some web sites which provide “hacked” information, that is the usernames and passwords obtained illegally. These usually found on the web sites which their income comes mostly from advertisements and number of people accessing the sites.

Spending time on the Internet enable users to meet other people who will make the users sexually satisfied in their imagination. For example, men who may want to have sex with other men or women who want to have sex with strangers. People who want to have sex and are unable to satisfy their sexual needs physically in the real world could look for ways to achieve sexual satisfaction through such web sites and for some users, it became an obsession. There are three specific psychological factors of using the Internet:

1. **Access:** In Washington D.C., it was found that there were 9.6 million people accessing these sexually explicit web sites in April 1998. That means 15% of the people in that month using the Internet to access sexually explicit web sites. Cyber sex frees a person from his/her

inhibitions enabling him/her to express suppressed sexual desires on the Internet within the privacy of their own home without the fear of anybody knowing about it.

2. **Control:** Cyber-world of the Internet creating the atmosphere of nonentity. Users can express their sexual imaginations which have been suppressed without being feared of exposures.
3. **Excitement:** Although the users do not see the real face and figure of the person of the opposite sex, it can produce excitement through speaking about sex or viewing sexually explicit images. Some people become addicted to these sexually explicit the Internet sites and require psychological therapy to free them from this activity.

It can be concluded that the Internet is very useful for children and youth, especially for their education but at the same time there are also some dangers.

### **2.3 Preventive Policies, Measures and Guidelines for Responding to Problems of Sex Sale among Students**

Under present conditions, the Thai Government realized that the problems of students being exploited, cheated, sexually abused and being victims of sexual crimes are important problems which should be corrected urgently. Especially, the problem of students selling sex. The Ministry of Education has determined many policies and measures related to solution. From the perspective of this study, two measures are particularly interesting. They are preventive policies, measures and guidelines for practice related to students being sexually exploited, being cheated and the sale of sex by students and having sex before the age of consent. (National Youth Policy, Vol. 5, July 19, 2002) The details are as follows:

### **2.3.1 Preventive policies, measures and guidelines for practice in cases of students being sexually exploited, cheated and being led to sell sex:**

1. Preventive policies, measures and protection of students being sexually assaulted, exploited and students being led to sell sex including measures of child protection for the benefit of students which were in practice before must be continued with increased strictness in following up, supervision and evaluation at all levels.

2. Educational institutions responsible for the production of teachers and other educational personnel must have a process of teaching-learning which will inculcate in the candidates the morality more than the knowledge, responsibility towards society, including good Thai traditions and customs in order to act as role models for the children.

3. Work units responsible for recruitment of teachers and educational personnel must have a process to filter and choose candidates, considering all aspects including knowledge, attitude and personality.

4. Management at all levels must give importance to practice, supervision, follow up and evaluation to ensure everything is done according to the policy.

5. Educational institutions at all levels must give importance to counseling. The counselor must have knowledge and understanding of child and teenage psychology. Helping students with problems must be done pro-actively so as to prevent the problem from arising.

6. Educational institutions should offer opportunities for the community, parents of the students, local governing authorities, educational board

and student representatives to cooperate in prevention and correction of problems of exploitation of child rights in all aspects.

**2.3.2 Educational institutions must put into practice these measures of prevention and rectification of problems of children having sex before they reach a suitable age:**

1. The teachers should play the supplementary role to parents in helping to strengthen the family institution and the community.

2. The educational institutions should teach the students to understand the value and honor of humanity; to respect and honor people at all age levels; build moral value system between genders, and attach a deep value to good Thai culture and traditions, know how to conduct oneself suitably without having sexual behavior unsuitable to students.

3. The educational institutions should build understanding and awareness among teachers and other educational personnel about children's rights and duties, guidelines for prevention and protection, helping students who are in difficult situations because of having sexual intercourse before reaching a suitable age.

4. The educational institution should build a network of cooperation among parents, students, community, and government and private agencies to prevent the students from engaging in unsuitable behavior.

5. The educational institution should arrange to have integrated sexual education suitable to the age and gender, give knowledge related to looking after oneself, avoiding dangerous and risky places where the students are likely to be exposed to sexual dangers and teach the students how to protect themselves from being sexually exploited.

6. The educational institution should analyze the environment outside of the school to study the opportunities and obstacles, and conduct and prevent problems by strictly watching over student delinquents, or students' gathering in entertainment venues and other unsuitable places during class time. Study the blind spots within the school where students can hide from the eyes of the teachers and arrange for measures of prevention and protection from problems. Have measures for control and safety and eliminate areas that are dangerous or unsafe for students.

7. The teachers should realize it is their duty to behave well, avoid using violence, behave towards students with understanding of their needs, and use child and teenage psychology with kindness, good intention, patience and fairness.

8. The educational institution should survey and draw up a list of students with risky behavior such as going out at night, taking alcoholic drinks, orphans, students with family problems, students living under risky conditions, or conditions under which sexual intercourse is likely to happen before they reach a suitable age; such as students from a broken family, students living with adoptive parents, low income students, students living in residences and students living separately in rented houses. To arrange for close supervision of these students in order to help them.

9. The educational institution should have control and supervision of student activities arranged, both inside and outside of the campus to ensure that they do not exceed the limit of suitability, correctness and safety.

10. The educational institutions should arrange to have a system and strategy to help students in difficulties or those who are close to danger by getting to know them individually, keep a separate list of students under the type of danger, encourage home-room activities, or meet with parents of the problem students to inform them of the problem and arrange for activities to rectify the problems and iron out the problems together with parents.

11. In the cases of students who are sexually exploited or have had sexual intercourse before a suitable age, the educational institution should help them initially by studying the problems or causes and give counseling to help them keep their physical and mental equilibrium, coordinate with parents or guardians and send them to hospitals, rehabilitation centers or sanctuary for treatment by having a system of sending to rehabilitation centers both within and outside of the institution.

Students who had sexual intercourse should not be considered culprits to be punished by dismissing them from the school but must be considered as special cases that need help from the school. If it is necessary for them to drop out for a period of time as result of what has happened, let the school coordinate with other units concerned, like provincial child and family rights center, headquarters or welfare centers in order to send the student with problem for treatment and rehabilitation. When both physical and psychological conditions have returned to normal and they are ready to learn, they must be taken back by the original educational institution.

The above mentioned preventive policies, measures and guidelines for responding to the sale of sex among students, and measures of preventive policy to avoid sexual intercourse before reaching a suitable age are interesting policies of the government to determine the direction for solving problems of sexually exploited students and students selling sex, problems which require urgent remedy through the cooperation of every party concerned.

## **2.4 Criminological Theories**

The sale of sex by female students at present has changed much from former times. Whereas in former times it came from being duped into prostitution and involved vested interests like agents. For most undergraduate students the cause of selling sex is often family problems. However, there are some students whose families are well-off so the students are addicted to the extravagancy and spend

money beyond their means. The researcher therefore wished to study the forms of sex sale by students and the causes pushing the students into Internet prostitution by presenting various criminological theories like the Anomie Strain Theory, Differential Association Theory, Theory of Social Control and Subcultural Theory of Delinquency. They will be used to delimit the scope of the study of students selling sex through the Internet.

#### **2.4.1 The Theory of Absence of Social Standards or Anomie Strain Theory**

According to the sociologist, Robert Merton, the culture of society determines the legitimate goals or the desire (culture goals) that the people in society must seek. One of the goals of the societies is the acquisition of wealth or prosperity. When a person has become rich or prosperous he is highly valued in society, or we can say that his social status is high.

Besides that, culture also determines or sets acceptable means or methods (institutionalized means) for achieving the social goals that all members of society are expected to follow. There are numerous acceptable ways or methods leading to attainment of social goals. This social pressure affects many people in the society but mostly it affects people whose economic status is low. These people are unable to attain the goal as they are limited in their ability to do so. Moreover, they are limited by the social structure itself. Therefore, there are pressure on these people coming from two directions. The first one is the social culture that stresses on economic success and it is held that everybody has an equal opportunity to attain the goal. The second factor is that, it is the social structure that limits the people in the lower class from attaining the goal. Therefore, Merton defines this as Anomie, meaning the pressure on people arising from society as the goals and means do not agree (Dysfunction between Goals and Means) (Merton, 1938: 216).

The theory of Merton identifies the social structure as the main factor determining the fact that among the low class in society. There is a higher rate of

crimes than among the middle or high classes sections of the society. According to Merton, the lower classes have fewer opportunities to raise their economic status legally because the social structure is more conducive to the high class or the middle class to succeed. At the same time, society stresses on achieving the goal more than the means used. Under these circumstances, the lower classes are more pressurized by the social structure than the high and middle class. This pressure leads to social adaptation or to an attack on culture, depending on the attitude of the people towards the goals approved and valued by society and the culture. According to Merton, there are five ways to respond to this pressure. They are conformity, innovation, ritualism, retreatism and rebellion. See Table 2-1 for details.

**Table 2-1:** The response or adaptation to pressure from the social structure according to Merton’s theory

<b>Forms of Adaptation</b>	<b>Social Goal</b>	<b>Means of Achievement</b>
1. Conformity	+	+
2. Innovation	+	-
3. Ritualism	-	+
4. Retreatism	-	-
5. Rebellion	+/-	+/-

Note:     +     means acceptance  
           -     means refusal  
           +/-    means refusal of old goal and means  
                   but acceptance of new goal and means

Merton suggested that people who adapt according to the second category (Innovation) are criminals who can be found in large numbers in society. They will accept the social goal of prosperity and wealth but they find that they cannot achieve the goal through acceptable means. Therefore, they look for a new means in building economic status without even thinking whether their means is legal or illegal, or correct morally and culturally. In business, they may cheat or deceive others in order to increase profits. Workers may steal things from the work place. Such people may also try to become rich through illegal activities like dealing drugs, prostitutions, or forming gangs for stealing and plundering. Merton stated that this reflects the adaptation of the low class (Orcutt, 1983) whose way to achieve the social goal is obstructed by social structure.

According to a study by Chamlin and Cochran (Chamlin and Cochran, 1995) about the relationship between the rate of poverty and the rate of crime in the United States of America for the year 1992, based on statistics from the National Statistics Office, the difference in economic status made a great difference in the crime rate. This finding from the study supports the Anomie Theory of Merton.

Applying this theory, we can see that it explains why some female students in Thailand turn to the Internet prostitution. They accept the goals of wealth accumulation and consumerism, valued by today's society but as a result of coming from a poor family, they lack the means to achieve these goals legitimately. Therefore, female students choose the Internet prostitution as a means of wealth accumulation to help them in their consumerist lifestyle. This was demonstrated by several previous research studies. For example, the Commission for Solving the Prostitution Problem's study report "Prostitution: Problem, Cause and Main Measures for Prevention and Solution to Problem" in 2533 stated that, the most important reason for teenagers entering prostitution is that they value luxury items and they want money to buy these items and to go to entertainment venues (The Subcommittee for Solving Child Prostitution, 2533-50). Another study by Prasai Siripreechaphong, "Girl Prostitutes in the District of Nakorn Panom" in 2542, based

on interviews with girls under 18 years old and who had been engaged in prostitution not less than 6 months, found that one reason that the informants entered prostitution was to improve their economic status. As the existing social structure is not conducive for children to accumulate wealth, they chose innovation that is a new means of achieving the social goal. The new means is child prostitution and the legitimate social goal is to earn money to raise one's social status. This supports Merton's Anomie Theory (Prasai, 2542: 72).

### **2.4.2 Differential Association Theory**

Sutherland saw criminal behavior arising from contact with criminals, observing their behavior and approving of their illegal activities. Sutherland's theory (Sutherland and Cressey, 1978) consisted of two factors; the subject matter or content of what is learned, or the special techniques of the profession, and sufficient motivation to follow suit or approve of the person's illegal activities. The second factor is the process by which the learning takes place. It does not consist only of people who are close to each other. A person may enter or pass the process of learning if there is opportunity to meet people who engage in criminal behavior (Akers, 1994). The learning also may differ depending on the frequency, duration, priority and intensity of the relationship. Sutherland gave the most importance to the intensity as the factor influencing the learning process.

According to Sutherland's theory, association with friends creates suitable conditions for learning with support and encouragement through observing behavior and listening to the opinions expressed. If the friends are good, there is a tendency to be good and agree with good behavior that is legal. On the contrary, youngsters who associate with criminals will have the tendency to behave criminally and agree with the crime (Sutherland & Cressey, 1978 and Thronberry et al, 1994). Sutherland also stated that a person will learn the criminal behavior and belief in criminal activities from circumstances that are close to them socially (Sutherland & Cressey, 1994). Sutherland's Theory gave rise to several researches focusing on crimes committed by

youth gangs coming from lower class families in society, with the hypothesis that occurrence of crime comes from association with friends in the gang who are criminals. At the same time, the social environment also helps in learning about criminal behavior. To test this theory, there were studies conducted on illegal youth activities.

Mostly of the studies measured the factor of association with friends who were involved in illegal activities with the understanding that learning to commit the crime is through association with criminals whose behavior is approved of and who in turn impart criminal behavior to others. The studies measured the results from the variables of frequency or number of times a person associates with criminals. The research study of Short (Short, 1975) was the first study conducted to test Sutherland's theory. It studied the fact of having criminal friends and the rate of crime committed. The researcher divided the characteristic "association with criminal friends" into 4 categories: frequency, duration, priority and intensity. The findings of the study supported the theory of Sutherland that crimes arise from learning from friends who are criminals.

Consequently, several other studies were conducted to test the hypothesis of the theory on association with criminals and learning from criminals. Mostly, the studies were studies the correlation of association with criminal friends and the rate of crimes. The studies were both cross-sectional and longitudinal studies. Most of the studies supported Sutherland's theory and found that youth with criminal friends has a tendency towards committing crimes when compared with youths without criminal friends. These kinds of studies hypothesized that "Criminal behavior will arise from association with friends who are criminals, and criminal friends tend to impart criminal knowledge to friends."

Afterwards there were several studies conducted to test the hypothesis of the theory that criminals will teach crimes to the friends with whom they associated with. Most of the studies were studies of relationship between people with friends

who are criminals and crimes that were both cross-sectional and longitudinal. Almost all studies supported the theory by finding that youth with criminal friends or close relatives who were criminals tended towards committing crimes more than youth with no criminal friends or criminal relatives. These kinds of studies hypothesized that “Criminal activities are learned from friends who are criminals.”

A study by Winfree et al. (Winfree et al, 1994) tested the theory of learning crimes by collecting data from youth in the welfare house and juvenile prison of New Mexico in the United States. The finding of the study was that being a member of a criminal gang, that is, having friends who are criminals, will affect the attitude of agreeing with illegal activities and result in that youth committing crimes.

Studies focusing on this theory to explain other crimes such as teenage prostitution in Thailand have also been conducted. For example, the study of Prasai Siripreechaphong (Prasai, 2542: 77) on teenage prostitutes in the municipality of Nakorn Phanom in the year 2542 included Differential Association Theory in the scope of the study. The researcher interviewed 10 girls under 18 years of age who had been involved in prostitution for at least six months and who were currently engaged in prostitution at the time of the interview. The findings of the study point to the fact that the reason for their choice of prostitution was association with friends who were in the business. The children learn the value system, beliefs, techniques and methods of prostitution from their associates. These findings support the Differential Association Theory of Sutherland.

### **2.4.3 Theory and Concept of Social Control**

In the year 1961, Walter Reckless suggested a theory of social control. It was called Containment Theory. The theory states that everybody will be affected by pressures both to carry out criminal acts or engage in deviant behavior and to refrain from crime or deviant behavior. Pressure according to Reckless refers to:

**Social Pressure:** This is the pressure that affects individuals like poor housing conditions, family conflict, minority's social conditions and the absence of social opportunities.

**Social Pulls:** These make it difficult for one to accept social standards. Such pulls include having bad friends, a criminal subculture approving of deviant behavior, friends engaging in deviant behavior and the means of communication.

Besides these, there are biological and psychological pushes in the person that attracts a person to engage in deviant behavior or crimes, such as having insufficient rest, dissatisfaction, stress, enmity, disrespect for authority, desire for instant self-gratification, opposition to officials etc.

However, there are also external and internal forces which suppress criminal and deviant behaviors, as described below:

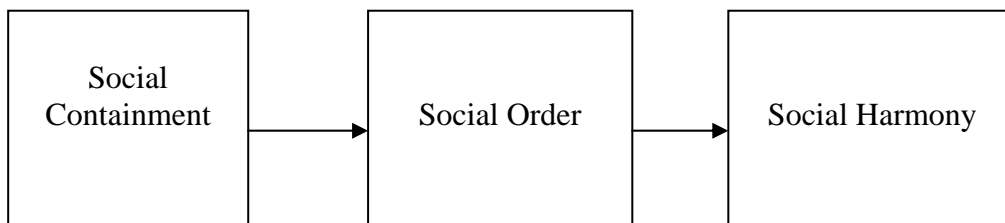
**External Containment:** This consists of conducting oneself within the family and people one is close to, a good environment full of morality and goodness, strong institutional support, the presence of hope and social standards, a reasonable society, good social relationships, effective social regulations, having been brought up to respect other people's property and to value social harmony.

**Inner Containment:** This consists of self-control, control of awareness, taking responsibility for one's good or bad actions, responsibility towards one's duties, patience with bad things and the satisfaction of one's achievements.

Social containment comes from the basic concept that every society tries to maintain social harmony because a society with harmony is a society without serious social problems or social disorganization. In other words, it is a society without social parasites oppressing it. Such a society can eliminate social problems because it will establish regulations in order to have harmony. Social control is the

basis for maintaining harmony and order in the society. A model for social control can be seen in Figure 2-1.

**Figure 2-1:** Social Containment Model



Travis Hirsechi (Travis Hirsechi, 1978) spoke about the containment or control that exists when a person is in some way related to others in the society as in the family, in school, and with friends. All these relationships influence the wrongdoings of children and youth. Important factors for building social relationships are:

**Attachment:** This is the most important factor leading to crime. Attachment is love for others and it is the basis for building a value system and standards for oneself. This belief is connected to Nye's and Reiss's concepts of self control.

**Commitment:** This means engaging in activities in accordance with the society's regulations. If one derives benefits from those activities, one will continue to follow the rules and regulations of society. If one does not benefit from the the society, one will not follow the rules and regulations of society.

**Involvement:** Involvement in social activities depends on each individual's feeling. If the time spent engaging in good social activities was

approved by the society and one derives benefits from them, there will be no time left for the individual to commit crimes.

**Belief:** People in any society differ in their beliefs. The level and quantity of beliefs also differ. If we believe in something, we will obey and practice accordingly. That includes social rules and regulations. However, if one has little faith, there is a risk of doing wrong. According to Matza's theory, wrong doing depends on social regulations and the individual wrongdoer is free to do wrong. Hirschi concludes that the wrongdoer is free from social regulations.

Thai academic Somporn Thepsitha defines social control as follows:

1. Social control means the strategies and methods of controlling the behavior of people in society.
2. Social control means the methods and the whole process by which the group or society allows its members follow the aspirations of society.

He stated that there are three types of social controls available:

- a. Socialization of the members of the society to follow the social standards.
- b. Regulation of people's behavior through a well-developed system of social regulations.
- c. Application of legal measures to punish deviant members.

The reasons for female undergraduate students engaging in the Internet prostitution are lack of family love, warmth and smooth family relationships; there are quarrels or use of violence in the family giving rise to anxiety. If there is no family comfort, members will seek compensating love and warmth outside of the family. It is so for many female students who have problems with educational institutions, teachers and friends. They will turn to love from people around them, whom they feel trustworthy and build a subculture of their own. Female students in

this group will choose to sell sex because they do not receive love and lack social involvement within the family. It coincides with the Social Containment Theory as mentioned above.

#### **2.4.4 Subcultural Theory of Delinquency**

Albert K. Cohen applied the concept of anomie and the subcultural theory of delinquency. He stated that subcultural delinquency takes place within the wider culture and generally opposes the wider culture. Delinquents will have greater attachment to friends than family. Cohen looked at society as having three classes: the higher class, the middle class and the lower class. According to Cohen, the condition of anomie means conflicts of social values between different social classes. This conflict will make the children despair of their future. The children belonging to the higher class and middle class will have a value system quite different from those children coming from the lower class. It makes it impossible for the lower class children to adapt to the social values of the wider society. It will lead to withdrawal and formation of their own society to oppose the wider culture or value system. Mostly, this will be in the form of retaliation as children, usually teenagers, see that they cannot succeed in the existing society. It will cause them to engage in deviant and criminal behavior (Cohen, 1958, cited in Sutsanguan Sutheesorn, 2540).

The basic problem for undergraduate female students selling sex arises from the family. However, meeting friends who have had experience in selling sex can be another important factor which makes the students accept the subculture that is different from the wider culture and encourages them to engage in sex for money or other benefits.

The aforementioned criminological theories all offered a suitable explanation for Internet prostitution, provided an idea of the scope for further research in this area and offered suggestions about how the problem of Internet prostitution might be tackled.

## 2.5 Related Research

The researcher collected information from other related research for the study of “The Internet Sex Service of Female Students”. This can be divided into three main parts: research on sex and the Internet, Thai teenage sexual behavior and the pressure on female students leading to them selling sex.

Revadee Kongsuphapkul (Revadee Kongsuphapkul, 2539) undertook research on “The use of the Internet by students in Bangkok”. From the study it was found that the Internet is used for looking up academic information and for chatting with friends. Having a personal computer led to frequent use of the Internet because it enables the students to search for additional information to what they have learned in the classroom, exchange of information with friends in other institutions and friends abroad, search for information to further their studies, print news letters and do multimedia work. Obstacles to undertaking these tasks are primarily technical, for example, from the system and quality of the Internet connection.

NECTEC carried out a survey of the Internet use in Thailand and estimated there were 2.3 million users, with 50.8% males and 49.2% females. According to the NECTEC survey, the Internet was used for receiving and sending e-mail, searching for news information, buying goods and chatting. The most popular time for using the Internet was during 20.00 and 24.00 hours. Perceived obstacles in the use of the Internet were both technical and social. They are

- (1) Internet speed is low
- (2) Expenses must be paid for the time on the Internet
- (3) The user is afraid that his/her picture will appear in sexually explicit web sites.

A survey by Dr Poll ([www.Dr-poll.com](http://www.Dr-poll.com)) 01/11/42-16/12/43 found that people gained 50% of sex information from the net, 23% from friends and 12% from books, magazines or advertisement. 62% of the sample agreed that presentation and form of the page must be left to discretion of the web masters, 37% disagreed on this matter. About the matter of controlling teenagers’ access to the sexual content of the

Internet it was found that 50% thought that it was the duty of the web master, 37% of the teenagers themselves 12% of parents.

Research by Dr. Alwin Kooper showed that men accessed the Internet much more than women. Male users were 86% and female only 16%. Men frequently download pornographic material to look at them later. Female users used the chat room mainly from home. Very few (5.8%) used the Internet at school. In general, students spent less than 11 hours per week accessing the Internet. Most of them kept it a secret as they did not want anybody to know that they viewed pornographic material.

The “Durex Global Sex Survey 2000” presented a global picture on attitudes towards having sexual intercourse among teenagers. It was found that Thai teenagers knew the least about sex from the family. Most of them learned about sex from friends, then from school and partners. Teenage boys learned from friends more than girls. 30% of boys consulted friends about sex. At the same time, only 20% of girls gained this information from friends. The others learned from media such as books, leaflets, magazines, television and the Internet.

Apart from this, it was also found that Thai teenagers begin to learn about sex at the age of about 13.5, the same as Singaporeans. The nation where children began to learn faster than any other country was England, with an average age of 11.4. The opinion of teenagers who had sexual intercourse was that the suitable age for sex was 15.9 years. However, teenagers without sexual experience were of the opinion that it should not be hurried and the most suitable age for it should be 20.9 years.

Thareerat Jemasiri studied the “The Causes and Factors Lead to Prostitution of Female Students in Bangkok” (Thareerat Jemasiri, 2545) with the purpose of finding useful information for solving this serious social problem. The problem of prostitution was a problem that existed in Thailand for a long time. No Thai Government had been able to reduce the number of prostitutes. At present, with

the changes in the economy, society and culture, prostitution had taken new forms. For example, the taste of customers, men, had changed to a preference for girls in student uniforms. This problem had spread quietly. With regard to addressing this social problem, one choice was to ignore it and let it go on as before. The researcher collected information from 10 female student prostitutes aged between 18 and 25 who were at present engaged in prostitution and were students in various universities in Bangkok. The researcher used in-depth interviews and lived with the sample population just as a friend for a period of time, spoke with them informally as friends, did and interviewed them informally. The findings of the research conducted agreed with five hypotheses. They were:

- (1) The family condition had a share in female students becoming prostitutes.
- (2) Friends had a share in making female students prostitutes.
- (3) Value system influenced the decisions of students to become female prostitutes.
- (4) Income was a factor leading to female students becoming prostitutes.
- (5) Having had sexual intercourse before joining the university influenced the decisions of female students to become prostitutes.

One important cause for female students in Thailand becoming prostitutes was the modern Thai value system. It can be seen from the fact that at present society has no order. It reflected the inability of Thai society to appropriately adapt. When Western culture infiltrated into Thailand, Thai teenagers were not able to separate out the good and the bad aspects and applied the good aspects appropriately, in-line with Thai culture. It led to consumerism or materialism which had spread so fast as to say that it had become a teenage Thai subculture. In addition, the need for acceptance by friends and society led to mutual imitation among friends. The results can be found in department stores, universities or Siam Square, which were crowded with

teenagers every day of the week. These places were the source of the latest teenage fashions, ornaments, dresses, hand bags, expensive mobile phones or imported goods.

Therayut Rungrueng studied “The Process of Sex Service in the form of Miss Telephone (Prostitutes On-call)” (Therayut Rungrueng, 2545) with the purpose of studying the origin and forms of service rendered. This was a qualitative study which was done using in-depth interviews supplemented by documentary research. It found that there were two forms of services rendered by these prostitutes. The first one was the open system in which the customer can call the prostitute directly without having to pass through agents. The second one was covert and done through an agent. The customer indicated the qualities and looks he wanted to the agents. When the agent had taken orders, the agent contacted the prostitutes in order to provide a prostitute to suit the needs of the customer. About the background of the prostitute on-call (Miss Telephone), the study found that the service provider started her job at an early age or at least when she was studying in junior high school or university level.

The causes were:

- (1) Wanted to help the family because the family was poor
- (2) Extravagant expenses
- (3) Absence of family love or reaction towards the family
- (4) Imitating friends
- (5) Experimentation

The service providers were mostly girls from upcountry studying in Bangkok who initially stayed with their lovers in a private student residence. Afterwards when they separated, they went their own ways and the girls began to feel that there was nothing wrong with prostitution and made it their professions.

Boontham Hajathurat did a research on the “Changes in the form of prostitution in Muang district, Chiang Mai” (Boontham Hajathurat, 2546) with the purpose of studying changes in the form of sex service and factors which affected the sex sellers. The researcher used the techniques of observation, group interviews, and

in-depth interviews with current or former prostitutes. The informants differed in their ages and they came from different brothels. The researcher checked for completeness and correctness of the information and classified the information under sub-topics, and presented the analysis through descriptive techniques. The findings were:

There were many forms of sex service. There was the direct and open sale of sex using permanent service places like motels, homes, hotels or hostels. There were also the forms of secretive sex services hiding under legal businesses such as service staff in restaurants, students in educational institutions, assistant hair dressers, sales staff of bars, and receptionists in Karaoke venues, massage parlors, and singers. Factors that affected the forms of service of prostitutes in Muang district of Chiang Mai were family background, an extravagant way of life, imitating friends, needed to earn income, remuneration and people involved. These factors did not differ between current and former prostitutes.

Prasai Siripreechaphong studied "Girl Prostitutes in The District of Nakorn Panom" (Prasai Siripreechaphong, 2542), for a Master's thesis in the Faculty of Sociology, Thammasat University. The study was about the process leading young girls to enter prostitution and the conditions and factors causing girls of 12 to 18 years of age to enter this profession. She made a study of 10 independent prostitutes who had been selling sex for not less than six months. The researcher collected information through observation, participation and informal interviews. Findings of the research were that the process of entering sex service of these girls began with meeting friends who were different and others who were involved in this profession. They saw examples of people who succeeded and accepted the positive effects of this profession. In the end, they decided to enter this profession themselves using the contacts through friends, relatives or other people. The reason for these girls to choose this profession was the habit of extravagant spending, materialism, love of outings, pleasing the lover and helping the family in poverty. Customers preferred young girls because they believed that girls were still fresh, their various

body parts were firm and supple, and they were free from HIVS. Some men were pedophiles who liked to have sex with children. Social control was weak and ineffective. All these factors made the girls disobeyed social regulations and entered this profession.

Phatharaporn Bhupasiri studied “Forms of Methods of Sex Service among Teenagers in the Eastern Part of Thailand” (Phatharaporn Bhupasiri, 2546) with the following three objectives:

- (1) To study the forms of sex service in the Eastern part of Thailand
- (2) To study methods of sex service in the Eastern part of Thailand
- (3) To study of methods of entering and exiting the aforementioned profession in the eastern part of Thailand.

Data was collected from documents and in-depth interviews. There were 19 key informants. The data was presented through descriptive methods.

From the 19 key informants it was found that most of them worked in groups. Individual business was conducted only when they knew the customer. Individual business practice was viewed as risky they may be duped by the police in “sting” operations.

The entry of Thai teenage girls into this profession mostly arose from economic necessity as they were poor. It can also be from family and social problems which had existed in Thailand for a long time. Other factors were that Thais value money so much, and the value system of the teenagers. For them it was an easy and well-paid job. They need to use only their bodies, so there was no need for investment or start-up costs.

The researcher found that the prostitutes did take measures to protect themselves from being cheated or from suffering from sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). These protective measures were classified into three phases:

(1) The time before the sex service - The possibility of being cheated and taken advantage of by customers was prevented through the method of demanding payment before providing the sexual service and having an agent to select the customers.

(2) The time during the sex service - The method they used to protect themselves from STDs was to have the customers wear condoms.

(3) Time after the sex service - After the service, the interviewees would have regular medical check-ups.

The researcher suggested three measures to deal with this serious social problem. They were:

(1) Individual measures: There must be improvements made in the way of thinking. There must be campaigns advocating Thai values and traditions.

(2) Society: All people concerned must cooperate in providing opportunities to people, especially teenagers, to use their personal abilities and resources in socially acceptable professions to earn a more secure and higher income than that earned through prostitution.

(3) Law: Punishments must be meted out to all parties strictly, whether it was sex sellers, customers or police officers concerned, whether directly or indirectly.

Research and Sexology Development Center carried out research on the sexual behaviours and attitudes of female sex workers towards sexual issues of male clients (Research and Sexology Development Center, 2544). The research was part of a study of the life of a group of 81 prostitutes who came for check ups at a hospital in Bangrak.

The study found that these prostitutes were in the sex business for an average of 5 years; some of them for up to 10 years. 85% of these women had been married and had lived with their husbands and children. When the marriage broke up, they had to look after the children on their own. This led them to this profession.

Nine persons of this group had never had sexual intercourse with other men until they entered this profession. One clear reason for entering the profession was the need for money, for example, money to look after the children after the divorce. These women had different places of work according to the characteristics of the sex service. Mostly they are bars, nightclubs, pubs, tea houses, massage parlors, Karaoke venues, restaurants, traditional Thai massage parlors, Miss Telephone (prostitutes on-call), barber shops and public places like Yaowarat and Wongwian Yai. They catered for workers, merchants, businessmen, company employees, civil servants, and foreigners. Mostly, the customers belonged to working age group, 40 to 49 years of age. The second group was 30 to 39 years of age. Teenagers and elderly people were equal in number. 20% of the prostitutes said that the reason for men coming to them was to satisfy their sexual desire without ever considering what was good and what was bad, what should or should not be done. There were also mental reasons like stress, boredom, desire for a change, wanting to have something new and different. More than 75% of the sex workers said that their customers told them that they had relationship problems with their wives, quarrels, misunderstandings, wives who refused to have sex, non-caring wives, boredom with wives and work-related stress.

Nungruethai Opaspasu carried out qualitative research on “Sex Sellers Problem of Youth Student” (Nungruethai Opaspasu, 2546) to understand the process of teenage girls entering into prostitution. The facts were presented in the form of case studies. The sample population consisted of nine girls and an agent in Muang district of Nakorn Pathom. The research found that teenage girl students who enter prostitution were mostly under the control of agents. The agents can be friends, such as friends studying in adult classes, university students and vocational students. From the analysis as a whole it was found that these teenage girl students engaging in prostitution were likely to be from broken families, they had no father or mother to look after them, the parents may ignore the children and thus they were lacking in care. The second reason for entering prostitution was meeting with friends who were different from them, especially those who were already engaged in this profession. They persuaded them to enter this profession. Another reason was the acceptance by

the society that it was considered as normal, especially when students were studying in prestigious educational institutions and can demand higher prices for their services. They considered that there were nothing wrong with it as there were no victim.

From the research conducted in Thailand and abroad presented above, most of the studies focused on opinions or attitudes of the girls involved in prostitution. They were similar to this study which investigated opinions and attitudes of participants in order to know the forms of sale, methods of sale and causes which led the girl students to engage in Internet prostitution.

## **2.6 Summary of Literature Review**

From the literature review, most researches presented concepts of sex service and criminal theories like the Anomie Strain Theory, Differential Association Theory, Theory of Social Control and Subcultural, Theory of Delinquency. It also included studies made abroad about similar problems to help determine the present scope of study.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

This research on “The Internet Sex Service of Female Students” was carried out using a qualitative approach. The various stages and details of the methodology used are presented below:

- 3.1 Research Methodology
- 3.2 Research Participants
- 3.3 Research Tools
- 3.4 Data Collection
- 3.5 Protection of the Rights of the Research Participants
- 3.6 Data Analysis
- 3.7 Summary of Research Methodology

#### **3.1 Research Methodology**

For the purpose of this research, the researcher used the following methods:

3.1.1 In-depth interviews. The interviewees were composed of 20 female students who are undergraduates or students of other tertiary level courses studying in Bangkok Metropolitan with experience of selling sex through the Internet, 5 people who buy sex services, and 5 sex experts.

3.1.2 Documentary study of books, academic papers, theories, Internet sites and related research findings both Thai and foreign.

### 3.2 Research Participants

A purposive sampling strategy was selected for this research. The targeted prospective participants were undergraduate or other tertiary level female students studying in Bangkok Metropolitan with experience of providing sexual services through the Internet. See Table 3-1 for the summary of the research participants selected.

**Table 3-1 :** The Research Participants (Interviewees)

<b>Series</b>	<b>Types of Participants</b>	<b>Number of People</b>
1	Sex Sellers	20
2	Sex Customers	5
3	Sex Experts	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

### 3.3 Research Tools

The tools used for this study were three sets of semi-structured interview guidelines for the in-depth interviews of sex sellers, customers and sex experts. The guidelines for the interviews were prepared in advance, covering the relevant personal information of the interviewees, the forms and methods of sex services being sold and purchased, causes leading to selling and buying sex services and opinions about measures to prevent the sale of sex through the Internet. Moreover, each individual interviewee was given the chance to express their opinions widely and freely. With their permissions, all interviews were recorded.

### 3.4 Data Collection

Each interviewee was informed of the purposes of the study and their consent was sought for the interview. The interviewees chose the time and places of

the interview which usually lasted 50 to 60 minutes. The places of the interviews were mostly restaurants, parks, coffee shops attached to gas stations. At the end of each interview, the result of the interview was analyzed in order to improve and adapt the guidelines the next interview.

It was not easy to approach the research participants as selling sex through the Internet is a sensitive issue and one that earns society's disapproval. Therefore, in order to get the required information, the researcher made initial contact with the Internet sex sellers by using instant messaging programs such as MSN, Pirc and ICQ. Another method was to contact people who knew and were acquainted with the sex sellers, or who had bought sex services from the sex sellers in the past.

The first method began by accessing web sites or chat rooms to locate students who advertise sex for sale. Once an advertisement for sex was located on the web site or the Internet chat room, the sex seller was contacted using instant messaging programs. Initially, the researcher pretended to be a customer to gain the kind of information that customers generally seek such as detailed information about sex services, general look, face, figure, age, level of education and place of study.

After chatting with them for some time and exchanging some personal information, the sex sellers were asked for their telephone numbers in order to contact them later. Mostly, the next contact will be on the following day beginning with a self-introduction and giving details about the research and asking the sex sellers if she is willing to participate in the study. If they were not willing, researcher will try to persuade them further for their consent to be interviewed. Some sex sellers had to be contacted at least twice before they agreed to participate. Others had to be contacted six to seven times to get their trust in the researcher and agree to participate.

The second method was to approach the sex sellers through people with whom they were familiar or who had bought sex services from them in the past.

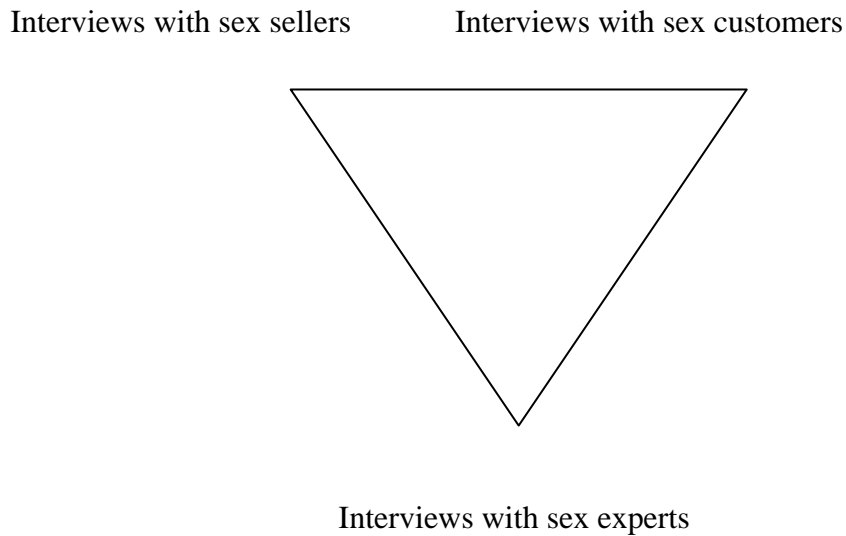
Usually the researcher started to converse informally about things in general with the people who knew the prospective interviewees. The researcher later identified himself, gave details about the research, and asked for information about the sex sellers whom they knew well. Later, the sex sellers were contacted directly through instant messaging programs or e-mail. Usually, it took several instances of on-line conversation to build familiarity, trust and a good relationship before they gave their consent to participate in the study.

Once the consents were obtained, the place and time for the interviews were arranged. These depended on the convenience of the interviewees. Mostly, the meeting were in restaurants near the interviewees' residences, parks, pubs, fast food stalls, department stores, hotels or private cars. For every interview, the sex seller and in some cases her agent were paid some compensations for their time.

Getting the participation of the customers of the sex service was the same as getting the participation of the sex sellers. Customers were initially contacted via the Internet or in chat rooms where sex services were offered. The researcher usually started the chat with the topics such as computer games, politics or sports. When a feeling of familiarity had been established, the researcher identified himself and his purpose and asked for their participation in his study. Many customers of the sex service refused initially to participate in the research and considerable patience was necessary before the target of five customers who were willing to participate had been met.

After having collected information from all three groups, the researcher checked the information for correctness before subjecting the data to further analysis using data triangulation; a technique used to ensure trustworthiness of the information obtained (Denzin, 1970, cited by by Suphan Chanthavanis, 2534: 129) as shown in the figure below.

**Figure 3-1:** Data Triangulation to Ensure Trustworthiness



Adapted from Denzin, 1970, cited in Suphang, 2534

### **3.5 Protection the Rights of the Research Participants**

The researcher protected the rights of the research participants by explained to them the purpose of the research, research methodology and the benefits derived from it. They were given the opportunity to ask questions on any points that concerned them. The interviewees were assured that their personal information would be kept confidential and the findings of the research would not identify them by name or other identifiable information. The information obtained and the recorded conversations would be destroyed after the study has been written up. All these details were shown in the consent form signed by the interviewees.

### **3.6 Data Analysis**

The researcher subjected the contents of documentary studies and in-depth interviews of the female undergraduates providing sex services through the Internet to the method content analysis developed by Krippendorff (1980), cited by Chokprajakchat, 2548. The qualitative analysis by means of content analysis proceeded in stages as follows:

3.6.1 Listen to recordings of the interview several times before reading the transcript.

3.6.2 Read the transcript several times until the whole subject matter is understood thoroughly.

3.6.3 Record the analysis from the beginning to the end, including recording of normal and interesting information or information which is contradictory, or problems during the time of listening to the tape, transcribing, reading and analysis.

3.6.4 Coding by highlighting or separating words, phrases, messages, or important sentences, then analyse word by word, line by line, phrase by phrase, sentence by sentence and passage by passage.

3.6.5 Arrange in sub-categories through analysis of information between people and the focus group. There are word groups, phrase groups, passage groups, sentences with similar meanings and sentences that are contradictory in meaning.

3.6.6 Passages or sentences with assigned meanings are formed into themes.

3.6.7 Report in the form of continuous and cohesive description of main factors and sub-factors with examples from words of the interviewees for greater understanding.

### **3.7 Summary of Research Methodology**

Qualitative Approach was used by collecting data through in-depth interviews and data triangulation for correctness of the information. It was followed by content analysis along with creation of three sets of questionnaire as research tools covering the guideline for the research. The interviews were conducted under the condition of protection of individual rights which will be explained in the next chapter.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **RESEARCH RESULTS**

The results of the research will be presented in three parts according to the purposes stated in Chapter 1, as follow:

1. Forms and methods of Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet
2. Reasons for Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet
3. Guidelines for Prevention and Solution to the Problem of Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet

#### **First Part:**

The first part reports the results of the in-depth interviews with 20 participants who are female students selling sex through the Internet, 5 male customers who have bought sex from the students through the Internet and 5 qualified experts. The facts presented will cover the following:

1. Forms and methods of selling sex through the Internet;
2. Methods of advertising sex for sale through the Internet;
3. Criteria used by the sellers to choose their customers;
4. Characteristics of sex sales through the Internet;
5. Methods of contact between the buyer and seller;
6. Appointment of place for contact and methods of travel to the place; and
7. Places where the service is delivered.

#### **Second Part:**

The second part reports the results of the in-depth interviews with 20 participants who are female students selling sex through the Internet, 5 male

customers who have bought sex from the students selling sex through the Internet and 5 qualified experts. The facts presented will cover the following: poverty/economy; family problems; personal needs; materialistic or extravagant behavior of the sex seller; and modern teenage values pertaining to sex.

### **Third Part:**

The third part reports the results of in-depth interviews with experts involved with the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet. The interviewees comprise an expert from the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime of the Department of Special Investigation, a Webmaster, an expert on the prevention and suppression of sex abuse, a professor and a police officer working in this field. The researcher was able to use this information to test the validity and support the information obtained from the groups selling and buying sex through the Internet.

## **4.1 Forms and Methods of Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet**

This first part is presentation of information on forms and methods of selling sex through the Internet by the female students. The details are given below.

**4.1.1 The forms of sex sales can be classified under two categories. They are (1) direct sex sales through the Internet and (2) indirect sex sales through the Internet that is through an agent.**

Methods of direct sex sale through chat rooms or local network can be subdivided as below:

1) Selling sex through advertising their service in chat rooms or on web boards. Advertising through chat rooms is considered the most widespread way of selling sex through the Internet. It begins with the sex sellers logging on to the Internet and announcing their service giving age, shape, proportions, price, and

educational level. Then they wait for customers or those who are interested in contacting them through their e-mail addresses or mobile phones. Then there is a further contact if they agree to buy and to arrange a meeting. The sex sellers in this study mainly advertised their services in the chat rooms and composed their own advertising statement.

One of the in-depth interviewees among the female students selling sex over the Internet wrote: "... want to sell. At present studying in a university near to .....(Area). Price can be negotiated. Contact XXX @hotmail.com."

Another announced, "I am ..... white complexion. Want to sell sex. If interested contact 0897676XXX."

These are the types of messages sex sellers use regularly. Another sex seller also used the same method using the words: "Sell. Lovely face. Have serious money problem. Contact XXX@hotmail.com."

(1) In selling sex directly, the seller will also look at the announcements in chat rooms or on web boards to see if there are customers who require sex services and contact them directly later. In this method, the sex service buyer will wait for the sex seller to contact him. The sex buyer will enter the message that he requires sex and stipulating some conditions such as the seller must be pretty, have a good figure, be at a good university and mention the sum he is willing to pay. When the seller wants to sell, she will contact the buyer using a mobile phone or the e-mail address of the buyer. Three of the interviewees used this method.

One of the above mentioned who sells sex directly stated: "I don't like to advertise in the chat room. It is slow; we must wait for the buyers to call. It wastes my time. I will access the web board to see whether there are any buyers. Here we can see whether the buyer is handsome or not handsome."

Other students selling sex expressed similar words: "... [Sometimes] I need money urgently. There is very little time. If I wait for customers to contact me, it will be too late. Accessing the web board to view buyers' announcements is better. I can see their pictures and personal information about the buyer also."

*" .. I have used this method for several years. This method works well (is effective). If I announce the sale, I must wait for the customers to contact me. But some people are very irritating; they don't buy, ask this and ask that, and finally ask for free service. It is boring."*

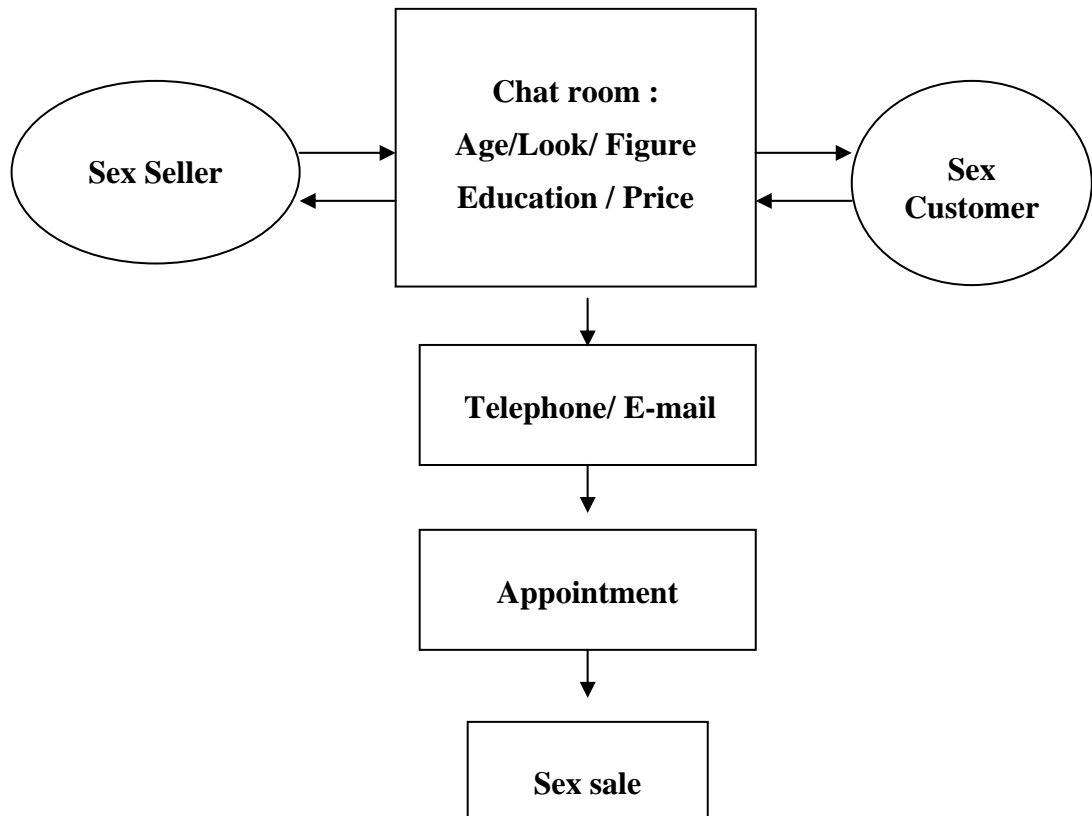
(2) Selling sex by going directly to the buyer is another method. For this method the sex seller usually uses the programs Sanook, QQ and MSN. They are able to speak to the customer without previously knowing each other. But by using this method the sex seller will not know after accessing the program whether the other party is a customer or not. Through this method the researcher also was offered sex services. Seven of the interviewees who participated in this research use this method. The reason for it, they say, is that it is very exciting.

About this method one of the sex sellers stated: "It is very exciting." Another seller stated: "It depends on luck whether I can sell or not."

Others in the same group stated:

*"... I have tried. It is exciting. I am hoping to be successful - it's just like buying a lottery ticket. If luck is on our side, we will meet lovely people. If we are not lucky, we will meet people who are not handsome."*

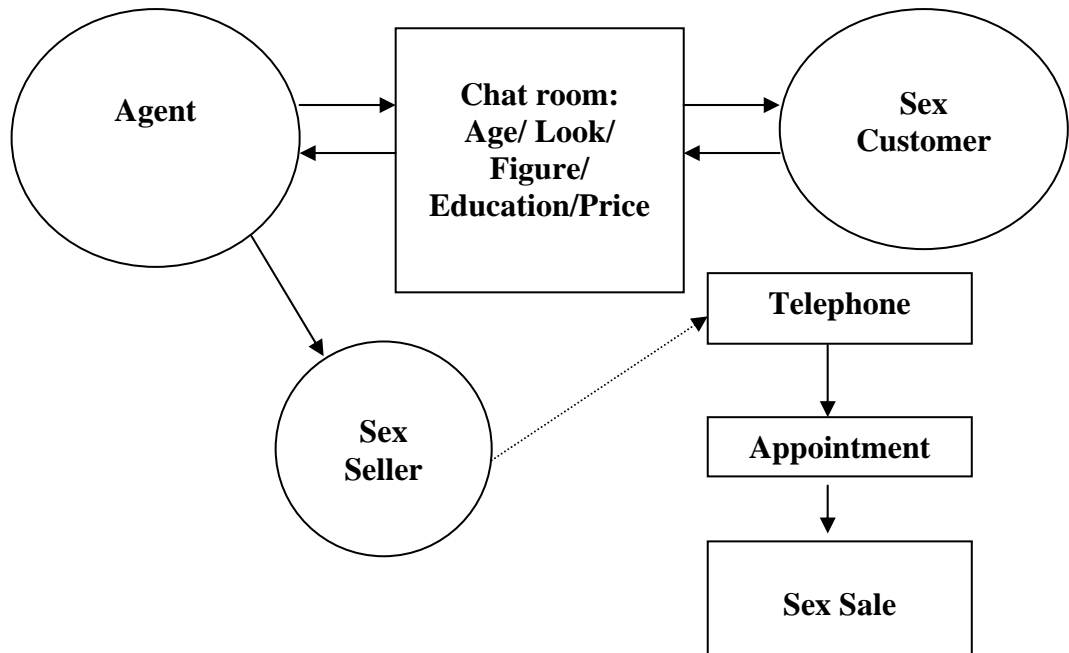
The sale of sex through the Internet can be summarized as in the Figure 4-1.



**Figure 4-1 :** Forms of direct sex sale through the Internet

## 2) Direct Sale of Sex through the Internet using Agents

In this kind of sex sale agents are involved doing the work of buying and selling through the Internet by announcing in the chat room or on web board persuading the buyer to come in by saying things like: “Lovely girls. Men interested can contact...” Sometimes the agent will access and look at the announcements in the chat room or web board to see whether there are people wanting to buy sex. If he/she finds someone he/she will contact the customer and propose the sale.



**Figure 4-2 :** Sex sales through the Internet using agents

Among the research participants interviewed there was only one student using this method. She said:

*“I need to spend a lot of money. I have to send money to my parents also. It makes it necessary for me to sell sex through any means. Usually, I advertise in the chat page or web board. The message I regularly insert is “I am Y. Money troubles. Sell. Close to .....(Area). Contact at ....” But sometimes there is no customers calling. Therefore, it is necessary to sell sex through an agent also. The agent is a friend I met through the Internet named Waew (pseudonym). Waew will contact customers for me. I know which customer was sent by Waew because the*

*customer will say that he was sent by Waew. For example, Mr. M. (pseudonym), a customer, says: "Hi. I am M. I want to know the sales price. I got your number from Wave." If the sex service takes place, Miss Y must give 500 Baht to Waew for the contact. Miss Y transfers the amount to the account of Waew.*

#### **4.1.2 Methods of Advertising the Sale of Sex through the Internet**

The advertisements for the sale of sex posted in the chat rooms or on web board can be classified into two groups depending on the wording.

In the first group the advertisements will mention clearly that the student wants to sell sex. They will state something like "Want to sell. Sex service." Most of the sex sellers use this method. One of the interviewees who usually states directly and clearly that she wants to sell sex stated:

*"I say clearly that I want to sell sex. That I have money troubles. That money is needed urgently. I say I am studying in the third year in a university close to .....(Road) and will arrange to meet a customer at .....( Shopping complex). I also state that I am not expensive and that the price can be negotiated before a meeting can be arranged. If interested I can be contact at 0246674 XX or 08977XXXXX before midnight. I just write something like this."*

Another interviewee made a similar statement: "I will just write this or that name and state that I am residing close to .....(Road). I let them know where we live. I also state my complexion is white. I am young. I describe my appearance I give them all the relevant details and let them decide for themselves. I state clearly that I want to sell sex. I accept only working age men with plenty of money. I state that my income is not enough to meet my expenses and urgently need money to buy a

new mobile phone. I state clearly my reason for selling sex; I describe my look ,figure and age in order to let the customer decide easily.”

In the second group the advertisements sell sex using words with hidden meanings. They do not state clearly that they want to sell sex, but use suggestive and ambiguous words. But if anybody reads the message, they can clearly interpret that sex is being offered for sale through the Internet. Most of sex sellers do not post message in chat room or on web board related to selling sex but usually post in general chat room or on web board.

Only one of the interviewees used this technique. She said:

*“Mostly, I won’t announce or post messages stating directly that I sell sex. I usually state that I am looking for a kind, older brother to sponsor me, something like that. Apart from that I will also say where I study, what my age is, my figure and that I possess a lovely face. Something likes that.”*

#### **4.1.3 Methods or Criteria for Selecting the Sex Customers used by the Sellers and Methods or Criteria Selecting the Sellers used by the Customers**

##### **1) Methods sex sellers use to select their customers**

The methods used for choosing customers by the sex sellers differ. Most sex sellers do not choose their customers. But some of them choose to sell sex to working people more than to students as working people have a regular income and can afford to buy sex. Most students have to rely on their parents for money and only a few of those are rich enough to buy sex.

One of the sex workers said about her method of choosing customers:

*“I will choose customers who are elder to me in age, between the age of 35 and 40 will be good. They must be people working*

*in companies; if they are heads of departments, it is still better. They have very high salaries.” There is another person in this group who said: “My customers must be young; not more than 25 years old. They cannot be children. If their age is 13-14, I won’t sell sex to them. Customer must be good looking, clean and speak politely; and another thing is, the customer must own a private car.”*

About the criteria for the choice of customers by sex sellers others also said more or less the same. One says,

*“If a customer speaks in ways that irritate my ears, or seems as if we can’t go together, I will just tell him that I am not free. I have met some customers like that. They keep on talking and irritating me. They ask me what my rate is. When I say that it is 1,500 Baht, they will ask if 10 Baht is enough. They speak like children playing at selling things. I don’t like it; old people acting like children. If I meet people who speak politely, I may go and sleep with them even without any payment. (But in reality collect money). Believe me; some customers are both handsome and polite. I wish they were my husbands!”*

Other sex sellers speak about their methods of choosing customers. One of them said,

*“I will choose people with good looks; I won’t sell sex to old people. It is boring. They complain a lot like my father at home. If they are good looking like Korean film stars it is still better. There are also students as my customers. But I will ask them first where they study, they own a house, what age they are and whether they have private cars. If they own a car, it means they*

*are rich enough. They will have enough money to pay for my service. I will ask them all these questions politely. I am afraid of meeting with older men. Perhaps I'll meet the same fate as one of my friends. She went with a high ranking soldier. She said something that was not to his liking and got slapped. I am, therefore, afraid to meet "big" people."*

Another student stated,

*"My reasons for choice are similar to others'. I like people who speak politely, don't speak too much or speak about things I don't understand. I will notice the manner of speaking of my customer when we speak whether it is through e-mail or telephone. I have met some people. When I speak of the rate that it is 1,500 Baht, they will bargain just like they are buying sweets in the market. Some people ask if it is the rate for double services; if it is for the whole night and say it is costly. Very choosy! Sometimes I scold them and their parents." Another sex seller spoke of her criteria for choice of customers, "I will notice the way they dress, notice the car they drive and notice the mobile phone they use. These things can tell us whether they are rich enough to pay us."*

Apart from that one of the sex sellers put her criteria for choice of customers interestingly. She said,

*"Sometimes when we have not yet spoken of price, the customers will ask to meet. Mostly, they come to take me for a meal, watch a film, and go to a pub. The place will depend on the customer. But I will notice the way the customer dresses, the brand, whether it is a popular brand, I will notice the car he*

*drove to fetch me. I can judge the car, whether it is expensive or not. His mobile phone is another thing to notice. I look at whether it is the kind used for taking photo; it is the latest brand and things like that. If they are okay, it will make me feel comfortable, safe and free from being deceived.”*

Summary of choice of customers by the sex sellers. Most of the sex sellers are not choosy as they sell sex out of necessity to earn money for tuition fees, personal use, residence rent, and mobile phone and it is more important to get any customer than a specific type of customer.

One of the sex sellers stated

*“...I need money for the tuition fees. If not I will be dismissed. I can't be too choosy regarding my customers. I just look at their appearance and if they don't look like criminals, I am satisfied. If the customer is employed and possesses a car, it is enough.”*  
*Another sex seller stated: “I am from a poor family. We never had any money. I had to find money for my schooling. I dare not disturb my family. I will do everything to have enough money for my studies, even selling sex. If there is any money left over, I send it home. It is necessary. I can't really be too choosy.”*

## **2) Method of choice of sex sellers by the customers**

Most of the customers who buy sex have no definite criteria for their choice of student prostitute. Most of the buyers of sex will look at the appearance, proportion, and shape and decide whether they like or do not like by looking at the picture. If the picture is not different from the real person they meet at the first appointment, they will buy.

One of the buyers in this group said:

*“I look at the appearance and face only. I am not interested in other things.” Another buyer says, “... choose white complexion, a Chinese look, pretty and sexy.”*

At the same time another buyer of sex with similar criteria for buying said:

*“ .. Choose figure first, tall or short; let her have a pretty face and white complexion. That is enough.” Another person gives similar reason; “... I will choose prostitutes of mixed race; it can be Japanese or Korean, good figure and white complexion.”*

Another person of this group of sex buyers said: “I am very careful. I will look at the face, figure, education, manner of speaking, and dress.”

#### **4.1.3 Forms of Sex Sale**

Forms of selling sex through the Internet can be classified under two types. They are hourly sale or overnight sale.

##### **1) Hourly sale of sex over the Internet**

The rate of service for this type is counted in hours. Usually, it will be 1-3 hours. Price and number of hours will depend on the agreement between the seller and the buyer. Usually, the rate will be between 800 and 5,000 Baht per hour. The rate will differ according to the criteria, conditions or agreement between the buyer and seller. The quality of the seller also is another criterion for determining the price. The quality includes the educational institution, age of the seller, figure, look, and the number of hours of service. For example, 1,000 Baht for 1 hour; one hour and a half to two hours 1,500- 2,500 Baht; 2-3 hours it may be 2,500 – 5,000 Baht.

Some buyers of sex of this type said:

*“I have received service from students who are at present studying in popular educational institutions, pretty face, lovely and aged between 17 and 18. The price was 4,000 Baht for 2 hours.” And another person stated: “The most costly sex service I received through the Internet was 5,000 Baht for two hours. She was a student who had entered a beauty contest, at least she said so. I think it is possible; she was very beautiful.”*

Another person in the same group said:

*“The cheapest service I received was about 800 Baht per hour. It was a commercial student. Her age was 16. She was quite good looking but cannot be described as beautiful; she had a very small figure. The most expensive one was 3,000 Baht for two hours. It was good. She was a student at ..... (Institute).”*

The normal price for most of the prostitutes is 1,500 – 5,000 Baht without considering the room rent.

One of the sex sellers said: “I sell sex on an hourly basis, not more than two hours at a time. The price is 2,000 -2,500 Baht. I think it is the normal price. Some people may go for less than that.” Another sex seller said: “2,000 Baht for two hours. That is it.”

Others in the same group remarked similarly:

*“My hourly rate is 2,000 – 3,000 Baht.” Another person also mentioned a similar rate. She said: “I have a fixed rate, 2,000 – 5,000 Baht per two hours, depending on the customer. If from the looks it appears the customer is a rich Chinese merchant with a heavy purse, I will demand a high rate, may be 5,000 Baht for two hours. But if it is a young man or a student, the rate will be*

*2,000 Baht. It will be reduced further if the customer is good looking.”*

## **2) Overnight Sex Service**

The rate will be counted as a total sum. The sex seller must sleep with the customer for at least 5 hours or spend the whole night with the customer. The price is 4,000 to 6,500 Baht a night, depending on the agreement. There are six sex providers among the research participants who provide an overnight service with the reason that they need to spend a lot of money.

One of the sex sellers in this group said:

*“I must spend a lot of money every month. There are many expenses like tuition fees, personal expenses, food and residence and also I send some money to people at home. It is necessary. My family is poor. I can’t choose. Everything depends on the customer. Hourly or overnight is okay with me. If it is overnight, it is good. It is a chance to earn additional money.”*

Among the overnight service providers there are others also who gave similar opinions. One said:

*“I have many burdens. I have to look after my grandmother in upcountry and a younger brother whose tuition fees I have to be responsible for. I must spend much money every month. My parents divorced from the time I was a small child. I am the one earning for my family. I don’t care whether it is hourly or overnight. As long as there is money.”*

Most of the sex sellers will not offer an overnight service for various reasons. Some stated that they have to sleep in their residences for fear of being

noticed by their friends when they return early in the morning. But one reason most of them gave is that they are afraid for their own safety. If they sleep overnight the customer may arrange for his friends to come and rape them.

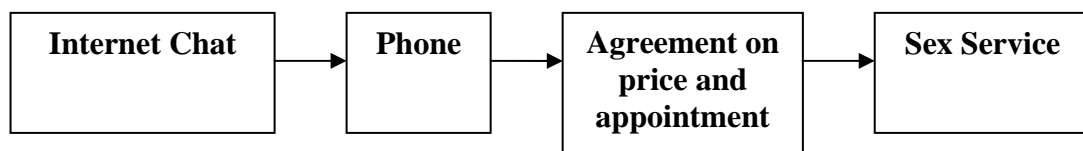
One of the sex sellers who is afraid to provide an overnight service said:

*“I am afraid the customer may let his friends come and rape me. There are some good looking people who are very bad. Have you ever met people like that?” Another person gave a similar reason. She said: “I read on the front page of the newspaper very often that a student was raped or something like that. I am afraid of dying. I take only hourly customers. Safety must come first.”*

#### **4.1.5 Methods of Contact between the Sex Seller and the Buyer**

There are two main methods of contact between the sex providers and customers. They are the use of telephone and MSN program. The details are given below.

1) The telephone is used regularly by most of the sex workers even if the first contact is through the Internet. After the original contact through the Internet, they must make contact again by phone to discuss details for appointments and price agreement. It can be summarized as shown in the chart below.



**Figure 4-3 :** Methods for the sex sellers to contact customers through telephone

One of sex sellers using the telephone to contact customers said:

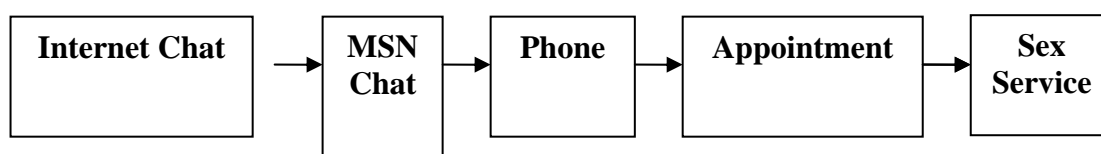
*“The telephone is a necessary item for everybody to have; and it must be a mobile phone because if I need to make appointment with my customer, I cannot use his home number because the call can be taken by his wife. That will be a disaster.” Another person gave similar statement about the use of mobile phone. She said: “I will leave my number along with the advertisement for sex sale. Then I need only to wait.”*

Another person in the same group said:

*“I use many methods for selling sex such as an announcement in the chat page or on web board, entering to see whether anybody wants sex, or speaking at random about sex service to anybody who happens to be using QQ. But in the end everybody must use phone for agreeing on the price or making an appointment. At this stage a mobile phone is a necessary item.”*

## **2) The use of the MSN Program**

MSN is another means by which the sex seller contacts her customers after making initial contact through a chat room. After the initial contact there must be a discussion on price, appointment for the meeting, place of service etc. For this both the seller and the buyer must have their own e-mail address and both parties must know the address of the other. This program is very popular now with teenagers because there are many choices. They can connect to web cam which will enable them to see each other's faces, and shapes. It can be summarized as in the figure below.



**Figure 4-4 :** Method of sex sellers for contacting customers through MSN program

Many sex sellers gave their opinion that the use of MSN offers convenience and privacy and is interesting. It enables each other to see the other party through web cam.

Most of the sex sellers use this method. One of the sellers said:

*“I like to use MSN very much because I can see whether the buyer is handsome or not; does he look like Rain (Korean singer)?” Another sex seller said: “I also use web cam. I want to see the customer first before making a deal. My type is handsome, white, Chinese look, and young. Being a student is even better but he must be rich and own a cool car.”*

One of the customers said:

*“I like to use this program very much. I always connect to web cam. It enables us to see the face of the sex seller we are going to buy. We don’t have to be afraid that we will be cheated.”*

Another customer gave similar opinion. He said:

*“I am not interested in this program before; now it is becoming popular with teenagers, so I follow them. Many sex sellers told*

*me to contact through MSN only otherwise they will not sell sex.”*

#### **4.1.6 Places of Appointment and Modes of Travel to the Appointment with the Customer**

After having contacted through telephone or MSN program, the next step is to make an appointment to meet. Usually, it is the buyer who asks to meet the sex seller. The meeting place will be, mostly, restaurants, department stores, bus stops, parking lots, and in front of an Internet café. The place of appointment will depend on the convenience of both parties. Sometimes if the buyer is not satisfied with the prostitute after meeting her he may decline her service. But the customer must pay some money to compensate her for wasting her time and for travel expenses.

One of the customers stated:

*“I always make sure I see the seller before agreeing to buy her service because I was once cheated. At first a picture of what I thought was the seller was sent to me. She looked very beautiful. But the real person I met had nothing in common with the picture. I usually arrange to meet the seller in front of a restaurant.” Another person who buys sex from the student prostitutes said: “I usually meet them parking lots because there will be a lot people there. I will arrange for the sex seller to make some kind of sign so that I can recognize her. When she arrives at the parking lot she may call me on my mobile phone once and I will notice who is making a call. Sometimes I will ask her to dress in a particular so that I can recognize her.”*

Meetings between buyers and sellers can be grouped under three types, largely.

1) First, the buyer and seller make an appointment to meet somewhere. Then they go to a motel or hostel. Either, the sex seller follows the buyer to the motel or the hotel or the buyer takes the seller along with him to the hotel or motel. Regarding the sex seller follows the buyer to the motel or the hotel, one of the customers said: "I have to be careful always. I am afraid others will see me with the prostitute. Safety must come first."

Regarding the buyer takes the sex seller along to the hotel after meeting her; the customers mostly use this method. The sex seller will have agreed with the customer to meet him and go with him to the hotel and for him to take her back to the meeting place or to her hostel.

One of the customers who use this method said: "... I like this method. If I am satisfied, I'll let the seller get into the car at once. But I will arrange for the meeting to be in place where there are a lot of people. Nobody will notice, for example, at a bus stop or a parking lot." Some others who buy sex said: "... For me, if I am satisfied and the seller is okay as shown in the picture and meets my expectations, I'll let her get into the car immediately. I don't care if there is anybody watching." Others in this group said: "I'll ask to see the face first. If I don't see her before taking her to the hotel, it might be a waste of time and money. I must make sure everything is according to the agreement. Then I'll let her get into the car at once."

2) Arrange to meet at a hotel or hostel. Only one interviewee used this method. He said: "I don't have much time. I must hurry back home. I am married. If my wife knows I am dead. I will make an appointment with the sex seller to meet me at the hotel."

Sex sellers mostly prefer to go to the hotel straight away. A frequent comment was: "It is better to go to the hotel. I don't want to go and eat or go to a pub with the customer. I am afraid my friends and acquaintance will see me." Other sex

sellers said: “I am afraid other people will see me. It is not good. It wastes my time also. I don’t want to get back late. I am considerate of others. Another thing, returning late is not good for girls.”

3) After meeting, go together for some activities and later agree on buying and selling sex. Other activities here will be having dinner in a restaurant, going to the movie, listening to music in the restaurants, going to the pub and so on. It depends on both the buyer and the seller. Most of the customers said that if it is possible and there is time they prefer to know the seller before having sex.

About going for activities and later going to the hotel, some of the customers said: “If I have time, I will make appointment for meeting. Then I will persuade the sex seller to go out with me every time. Some of them will go. Some won’t.” Other customers supplemented this by saying: “I like to build atmosphere before having sex with the seller. If I appoint for meeting, I’ll persuade the seller to go and do something else before. But most of the time the seller will refuse saying that they have no free time, they must hurry back home, or something else like that.”

In brief there are three ways of going to the place of appointment or the place of sex sale.

**The first method** is for the service provider to travel on her own to meet the customer and return home similarly. Some service providers said: “I like to go to the hotel alone but before going I will ask the customer where the hotel is. I am afraid to get lost. It is convenient. But I will ask the customer to choose a hotel that is well covered.” Another service provider said; “Going alone and returning alone is good and convenient. But I will ask for extra money.”

**The second method** is for the customer to fetch the service provider and return her to the same place. Most of the sex sellers prefer this arrangement.

Some of the sex sellers said:

*“I prefer it if the customer comes in a private car to pick me up and send me back. It looks good. It is not good to enter and exit the hotel alone. If I go with the customer it is like I am his wife, or very similar!” Others also agreed with the above statement saying that they liked it because they don’t have to spend money on travel to meet the customer and return home afterwards. One seller said: “I can sit comfortably and at no cost. I have a driver also. If somebody comes to pick me up to take me out, it will look better. Another thing is that if I go alone to the hotel and the customer doesn’t turn up it is embarrassing. I will feel ashamed.”*

**The third method** is for the customer to go and pick up the sex seller, but in returning let her go alone. Among the customers interviewed only one used this method. He said: “I use this method occasionally. But it happens to me often because my wife can be very angry and I have many girls. I must admit that I am a womanizer. I like to buy sex. Many times I had to hurry from the hotel through the back door or back exit of the hotel to escape from my wife.”

#### **4.1.7 Places used for selling sex**

As for places for sex service, it can be grouped into three categories:

##### **1) Residence of the seller:**

About going to the residence of the sex seller some of the buyers said:

*“Mostly, I use motels. But sometimes I go to the room of the service provider, not often. Sometimes it is not convenient. I will ask the girl if I can go to her room. Some girls will agree.” Another buyer also agreed with this. He said: “My house is far. I will have to waste a lot of time going to the hotel. Sleeping in*

*the room of the girl is much better. But there are occasions when the girls allow using their places.”*

But the girls providing sex service would not like to have sex with the customer in their own rooms or in the house of the customer. Some sex sellers said:

*“My friend strictly forbids me. She will not let me sell sex in the room of the customer. It is risky. I may get raped. There is a chance of it. Sleeping in the motel is better. The boy taking care of the car can sometimes help me if something bad happens. I won’t accept to go and sell sex in the house of the customer.”*

## **2) Motels**

Motels are, as both sellers and buyers agree, the most frequented places. Many sex buyers like to use this method.

Some buyers who use the motel said: “Motels are the best. It is easy to enter and exit. It is well hidden, easy to enter and exit. Another customer said:

*“Motels are good, cheap and clean; don’t have to walk up. Stop the car and get in. It is convenient. Some of the girls selling sex are shy. They dare not walk up.”*

## **3) Ordinary Hotels:**

Hotels can be classified according to their prices. The first graded hotels will be around 1,500 – 3,000 Baht per night. Medium rated hotels will be 500-1,000 Baht. The rate of 350 – 500 Baht will be for the third class hotel. There was only one buyer who used a first class hotel. He said:

*“I must take care of my own safety. I am afraid my wife will find out. I am afraid of going to motels because most of them will have only one door for entry and exit.”*

There are not many sellers who use the hotels as mentioned above. One of the service providers said:

*“I have sold sex in first class hotels; I went with a rich Chinese merchant.” Some others stated: “Mostly I will go to the motel with the customer. But I have gone to the ordinary hotels also, but not often. The customers I went with are mostly students.”*

## **4.2 Reasons for Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet**

In this second part, the research participants who were interviewed for this study including 20 sex sellers and 5 sex buyers gave in-depth information about the causes of female students selling sex through the Internet. They gave their opinions about causes pushing the students into prostitution. The reasons can be summarized as below.

### **1) Lack of money**

Lack of money comes from the fact that the students like to spend the money parents sent for necessary expenses in buying unnecessary things like clothes, cosmetics, hair dressing and so on. It makes them lack money and finally end up selling sex.

One sex seller said:

*“... I sell sex to earn money to buy things. I want to have a Louis Vuitton handbag. I have wanted one for a long time. My friends have them. They will say I am too plain if I don't have one.”*

Another girl also said:

*“I lack money for consumption and use. I want things. If I ask my lover, he won’t give. I don’t know what to do. My friends told me to sell sex. Then I tried it. It worked. I got the money very fast.” Another person gave a similar reason: “I want to have beautiful clothes like my friends, but I have no money. I am afraid to ask for money from home, so I decided to sell sex. Why should I care?”*

Other people in the same group gave their reasons: “Only reason is money. If I sell sex, it is for money. Nobody will deny that money is god. If I have no money, I will starve to death. I was not born with good luck like you. My family is poor. Mother sends only a few thousand Baht each month. I must buy this, buy that. If there is anything left I will go out.”

The sex buyers said they had heard similar reasons from sellers they had bought sex from, namely that they needed money. One said:

*“As far as the ones I have met, they will say how much money they want for tuition fees, paying debts to friends etc. There are many reasons.” Another buyer of sex said: “Some people will always say they are in deep financial trouble as their family could not send the money on time, and the hostel owner is claiming rent payment every day. Please help me pay the hostel rent.”*

Buyers of sex with a secure job and good income said:

*“Most of the girls I meet are students coming from upcountry. They will say they have no money; their money is finished, they are in a lot of trouble, they have to get the money to pay hostel*

*rent etc. They will ask for 2,000 Baht. Some of them won't say how much they want but they want money. Some of them will ask for many thousands. They will say it is needed for course registration. If they have no money now it will be too late for registration. They can't finish the course. If they have anything left, they will buy bare essentials. Oh, there are many reasons. They will say that they will use the money for this, for that. It is unbelievable. Some say that they are students but must pay the down payment for the car. My customer bought a car for one but now we are separated. Another reason they say is that they are in debt, debt to the gamblers. Some will say they want the money to buy drugs. Listening to them will make you frightened and think our society is in a bad condition."*

## **2) Family Problems**

Family problems like broken family and parents' quarrel will make the children lack love, warmth and mental strength. When they meet friends, they may be persuaded to enter the cycle of prostitution through the Internet easily.

One interviewee said:

*"My parents were divorced from the time I was still a child. I lived with mother, step-father and grandmother. I never liked my step-father. He would touch me here, touch there, and touch everywhere. I could not stand it. So I escaped him and came to Bangkok to study. There was not enough money. My friends persuaded me to sell sex to get money for use." Another girl student also gave a similar reason. She said: "I felt lonely; nobody loved me; I couldn't stay home; my parents' quarrel every day until my sister escaped. I didn't know what to do. My friends persuaded me to come to study in Bangkok. I followed*

*them. After staying here for some time I felt lonely. I wanted to get love from somebody. That is the time I decided to sell sex in order to meet with someone who was truthful.”*

Another sex seller gave a similar reason. She said:

*“It is much better to stay in Bangkok than saying at home; I have peace of mind here, I don’t have to hear this one and that one complains. But it is bad that money is insufficient. I really don’t want to sell sex but it is really necessary.” My family already knows about this job and they do not say anything. I also send money back home.*

One of the customers who buy sex had, more or less, a similar opinion. He said:

*“I have met girls who want to sell sex without thinking too much about it. It is not very expensive either. They just do it. They don’t think much of money. What they want is love. And they have asked me if I have love for them.”*

Another person gave a similar opinion. “Girls selling sex, mostly, come from the upcountry. Most of them will be from the North-East. They have family problems like father having mistresses; mother has a new man and all sorts of things. I pity them.”

### **3) Personal needs**

Personal needs arise from broken relationships or marriages and they turn to selling sex through the Internet.

One of the sex sellers said:

*“... Mother plays cards. Father has a mistress. I feel stress from studies. I can’t find a way out. It is better to sell sex. I’ll get money also.” Another girl gave a similar reason: “I am in Bangkok now. But I still hear the old stories about my family. I don’t know why I was not born rich and clever. When will my family be peaceful like other families? I don’t understand my lessons too. I sell sex to laugh at life.”*

Another person who sells sex because of a broken relationship said:

*“There was someone I loved very much. I wasted my body and mind on him. Although I loved him so much he never said he loved me. He just abandoned me. He has a new mistress now. Anyway, I have lost everything. I sell sex to laugh at him.”*

A customer said:

*“Apart from girls selling sex for money, I have met those who sell sex because they are disappointed in love or to laugh at their boyfriends.” Another customer gave a similar reason: “Some girls after separating from their boyfriends sell sex to them by appointment. When boyfriends see them like this, they will be hurt. It is a terrible mockery.”*

#### **4) Materialism and extravagancy of the sex seller**

Many teenagers at present are extravagant. They waste their money on extravagant things. They are attached to expensive articles but they have no money. So they turn to selling sex through the Internet as a means of earning money to buy these things.

One of the sex sellers said:

*“... I get money. Immediately I go and buy a new mobile phone. Otherwise I will not be fashionable.” Another person gave a similar reason: “Girls must dress well. We must follow fashion; must follow our peers. If we can’t keep up with them, they won’t let us join their group. If I get money, I buy these things. With the little that is left I go to the pub.”*

Another sex seller said:

*“Every month I have many expenses. The expenses will come to about 20,000 Baht. Father sends me about 6,000 to 8,000 Baht. It is not enough. I must pay residence rent, pay for food, and buy things to use in the hostel, give to friends, and go to the movies, but the heaviest expense is going to night clubs. If I go there once, I will have to spend thousands of Baht. But I like it. I go every Sunday. And another thing is that I like to dress up. I must be pretty always, both during day and at night. A lot of money goes every month for dresses. Students are like that. We must be prettier than students in other campuses. When the money is finished we can make money again. Selling sex is the best way because money can be got fast, easily and the amount is good.”*

Another sex seller who has a similar point of view said:

*“I want to have a new mobile phone. I don’t know where to get the money for it. So I end up selling sex.” Another person said, “Every month I use money extravagantly, for cosmetics, handbags and so on. The money father sends every month is not enough. I want more money. That is why I took up this profession.”*

About this matter a sex customer said:

*“I have asked the girls what they do with the money. One girl answered ‘I buy beautiful dresses to wear. The rest I’ll spend in RCA’.” Another customer with a similar idea added, “The girls selling sex are problem children. I once proved the lies they tell. I asked a girl what she will do with the money. She said that she will pay the hostel rent. I asked her where she stayed, and I finally got the answer that she stayed with her parents at home. Then I asked again what she was going to do with the money. In the end she admitted that she will go shopping at the Central Department Store.”*

Another customer stated:

*“I don’t believe the girls. Some of them may say that they do it because they are under financial stress. They have to pay tuition fees, prepare reports, send money to the grandmother etc. I say it may be true in rare cases, but they are few and far between. These girls are problem children. They spend money carelessly. If they get money from home, in few days it will be finished. For some it won’t last even to the middle of the month. They must find spending money again. They won’t do anything useful with the money we pay them. When they have done with us, they will go to the pub, go and buy a new popular mobile phone. Perhaps there are girls who are in real trouble, but not many. Some of them lie that their parents are ill. They must find money to pay the doctor; buy medicine and various other things that they will say to make us pity them. How many girls are there who will use the money on necessary things?”*

### 5) New Value System Regarding Sex among Teenagers

The value system among teenagers is new for Thai society, now it imitates Japanese and Western societies. Having sexual intercourse is very casual now. There is too much freedom. Having sex with strangers is considered normal, not immoral. Another thing is that the sex sellers through the Internet have already lost their virginity to their boy friends or lovers. This makes it easy for them to have sex with strangers. It makes it easy for them to sell sex.

One sex seller stated,

*“It has become a value system. If one has no “kik”, (unmarried partners) he/she is considered a simpleton. I also have many “kiks”. I don’t think of it as a big thing. We need a change. Sleeping with the same lover every day is boring. We see each other’s face every day. If there is a “kik”, it is exciting. My lover does not know. I can’t tell anybody. That is all. If I am satisfied, I will sleep with many people. I may get money or not.”*

Another sex seller stated:

*“That is the present trend. If one has no “kik”, they say, she is old fashioned. Having sex is easy. Just see someone once and they can go to bed together. I also think the same. I can sleep with anybody easily. The decision to sell sex is not something to think over.”*

Some sex sellers said:

*“...I must sell sex 2-3 times a week. I feel ill at ease if I have no new men to sleep with. Sleeping with only my boyfriend is not interesting. Meeting others is more exciting.”*

Regarding the modern value system related to sex among teenagers one of the sex buyers (customers), said,

*“Children at present have a strange value system. They follow the Western countries in frequently changing sleeping partners. It is popular now. One girl said that it is nothing strange. In fact, she had made love to her lover before coming to sell sex. For her it is the same as sleeping with me.” Another customer spoke in a similar tone: “I have heard from one girl who had slept with me that just after leaving me, she will go for oral sex and she boasted that she had slept with this man and that man; she has done this or done that. She spoke of it as if it was a natural thing to do.”*

### **4.3 Guidelines for Prevention and Solution to the Problem of Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet**

This involved interviews with five experts, viz. a computer programmer, a professor, two police officials, and a welfare department official and web master, in order for them to give in- depth information about the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet, measures of prevention and solutions to the problem. The details are presented below.

The first interviewee was Police Colonel A (a pseudonym), Commander of the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime of the Department of Special Investigation.

Colonel A is an expert in prevention and suppression of computer crimes and a designer and developer of the Internet sites for the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime. The researcher asked him to give his opinions on the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet. He stated: “This problem arises from

the extravagancy of the students and has become a problem all parties must cooperate to solve; the state especially must start solving this problem urgently and seriously.” Apart from that, he also gave opinions about the trend for the problem of selling sex through the Internet: “As long as Thai society is a society of consumerism and students admire beautiful things whether they are famous brand handbags, the latest models of mobile phones, private cars or other things, it is hard to solve.”

When he was asked for his opinions about the forms and methods of female students selling sex through the Internet, he answered thus:

*“... the sale of sex by female students is mostly open (direct) and hidden. In open (direct) sex sales the seller gives details like height, weight, looks, complexion etc. Added to that there will be a picture of the seller for customers to click and see. In hidden sex sales through the Internet the advertisements will not say directly that the owner wants to sell sex. It will say, for example, ‘bored, looking for friends to talk with, want friends to go out with and so on.’”*

On the measures currently taken to prevent and solve sex sale problems, he is of the opinion that they are effective. He gave the following suggestions:

*“In order to solve the problem of Internet prostitution, you must begin in the family. I think we must build immunity in our children. Let the children know what is right and what is wrong. Build good culture for the children with father, mother and guardians giving them a lot of love and warmth. Educational institutions must care for and look after their students closely; especially, the risk group. Teachers must inculcate in them the concept of honor of women, give correct knowledge about sex, and advise them how to use the Internet correctly.”*

The second interviewee, Mr. S (a pseudonym), is a social welfare official in charge of a foundation and is also a web master. He has been helping children and youth for the last 20 years. When the interviewer asked him about the problem of Internet prostitution at present and the trend in the future, he answered: “At present the Internet is a new technology which enables us to reach out to others easily. It is an additional, convenient, fast and safe (safe from being arrested) channel for those who want to sell sex....The trend for the future is that this kind of problem will increase and become more serious as the Internet system continues to develop.”

On the reasons why female students sell sex, Mr. S said,

*“The main reason may be an extravagant way of life; they like to go out by using the money the family sends them every month. It makes the students lack money. Therefore, they must turn to prostitution.”*

When the interviewer asked for his opinion about prevention and solution to the problem of Internet prostitution, his answer was:

*“I haven’t yet seen a specific and concrete government policy on it. I think it must begin from practice. The work units involved must cooperate and study this problem in detail and give crystal clear opinions. It is a way to solve this problem. Then let the government come in and continue with it. Families must catch up with the modern trends to avoid falling victims to their children and grandchildren. Parents and guardians must keep close watch on them; watch even the friends whom they meet. Educational institutions must stress on the honor of being a human, being a lady. Stop being a slave to materialism. Laws are also a means to solve this problem. If we have no means of punishing the students who sell sex, they will not realize they*

*have done something wrong. There must be some suppression. But at present the laws concerning g this matter are not clear in many matters. Therefore, the state must enact laws covering Internet prostitution also.”*

Apart from that, he spoke about measures to prevent and solve the problem of Internet prostitution. He said:

*“As I have worked on this matter for a long time, let me request the owners of Web sites to have ethics; don’t look for one’s own benefits too much. Now it is a business bringing a lot of money. The owners of sites and programmers must control prostitution on their sites; especially, in chat rooms or on web boards.”*

The third interviewee, Police Colonel M (a pseudonym), the Commanding Officer of Center for Children, Juveniles and Women , Metropolitan Police Bureau, Royal Thai Police, who is a specialist in the prevention and suppression of sex abuse and the abuse of children and women in the country and abroad.

At first the interviewer asked the Colonel to briefly explain the problem of Internet prostitution at present. He explained the forms of selling sex through Internet thus:

*“This problem is a social problem. It is not a criminal offense. The cause of this problem is the need for personal expense like tuition fee, hostel rent, food etc. Added to that, the high level of tuition fee make them turn to prostitution. As long as the government dose not sufficiently provides financial support for education, this problem continues with increasing severity.”*

When he was asked for his opinions about the forms and methods of female students selling sex through the Internet, his answered was:

*“At present there are many forms of selling sex by female students through the Internet. Most of them use a set program for chat in various chat rooms on the Web board using the Pirch program. But some of them use specific programs like MSN of hotmail and QQ program of Sanook. These programs have more privacy than Pirch. They can be used to have a conversation between just two people. Sometimes they use web cam along with these programs. It enables the sex seller and sex buyer to see each other’s faces. Apart from these, there are several other set programs. But the program that is very popular with teens at present is Cramfrog which is a set program. If Web cam is attached to it they can see a moving picture of the other party. It makes it easy for the buyer to make the decision.”*

About the causes of female students selling sex he said:

*“The expenses of female students have increased several folds from what it was before. But the economic situation of most families is not good. It makes the students use their own bodies to get money. But some of them sell sex following the advice of their friends. They follow their friends for fear that they will not be accepted in the group. They just follow the teenage fashion.”*

When the interviewer asked him about measures or guidelines for preventing and solving the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet, he stated:

*“Selling sex through the Internet is a social problem. It is not a criminal offense. The government cannot correct it at the end.*

*Take for example Web blocking. There are thousands of Web sites, who can block them all? The solution must begin with the children. Families must cultivate in them morality and goodness and a good value system. Teachers in the educational institutions must be good examples for their students. At present I see some teachers are too materialistic. They have expensive handbags of popular and luxurious brands. When the children see it, they will want to imitate their teachers. Therefore, teachers must set good examples to their students and stop using foreign products. Our religious organization is also weak. At present teenagers don't want to go to temples. The reason for it is that they have lost respect for some monks. We must help to make the religious organization stronger. Apart from that, civil servants must stop having sex with students. The community also has its share in rectifying the problem. The community must be strong. It can come only from the community heads. The community leader must be a pillar of strength with a generous heart for the members. The leader must teach the members to follow self sufficiency and watch over the community closely."*

He gave additional remarks about how to prevent and solve the problem of students selling sex through the Internet as below:

*"We must have new laws which are more modern than those we have now. The laws must determine the steps and methods clearly. There must be serious punishments for the wrongdoer. Besides that officials arresting and investigating culprits in these cases, whether posted in the Center for Children, Juveniles and Women, Metropolitan Police Bureau, Royal Thai Police, or the ICT Ministry, must have more knowledge and ability than they have now. They must be able to catch up with rapid changes in technology."*

The fourth interviewee, Dr V (a pseudonym), the highest administrative authority of a college, was of the opinion that problem has spread rapidly both in the state universities and private universities. One of the reasons for it is the rapid increase in the number of students. The Internet has developed and spread to all educational regions. The high speed Internet used today has made for increased quality and clarity of pictures and sound. It is one of the channels for female students to sell sex faster and easier. Besides that, Dr V gave added reasons for the increase in Internet prostitution. He said:

*“The problem of selling sex through the Internet arises from many causes like the family problems of the students. Thai families are now nuclear families with father, mother and children. Sometimes both parents go to work in Bangkok and send the children to stay with their grandparents’ upcountry. They lack sufficient care. It makes the students feel stressed, and hurt by their parents and turn to selling sex to get back at their parents. The economic situation of some of these students is good but they lack the love of their parents. So when they meet new friends selling sex, they follow suit. Some of these students have had sexual experience already. They have the opinion that there is nothing wrong in selling sex. Added to that, they want money for their personal expenses. These reasons make them enter the circle of sex sellers. Extravagancy is another reason for selling sex. When they enter university, there is a high level of competition in the matter of studies and in dressing up. They must look for decorative and beautiful ornaments in order to compete with others. But some of them come from families with poor economic status. Therefore, they must sell sex to find the money needed to satisfy their needs.”*

On the question of preventing and solving the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet, he said:

*“I think the best way to solve this problem is for everybody or every party in society to cooperate, especially men. As long as men want to go to the massage parlors and want to buy sex from students, the problem of students selling sex also will remain. That is the formula of demand and supply. Therefore, families must be strong, having mutual understanding and taking good care of the children. They must give more of their time to the children. But at present we can see that they have no time to give each other. After coming back from work, it is each one for himself/ herself. If the wife is not willing to have sexual relations with her husband, he will go out to look for sex. Educational institutions must keep a close watch on the students staying in hostels and rented houses. Besides that they must inculcate good values in the students, whether it is the question of sleeping partners or extravagancy.”*

He also stated:

*“Other measure which may help to prevent this problem from arising is the question of law. I understand that our country is far behind other countries in this matter, whether it is in general laws, patent laws and things like that. They must be developed fast. Now thieves are cleverer than the police. Hacking into computers and credit card theft take place often but I am not sure if the culprits are caught, I have not heard of many arrests. Female students selling sex through the Internet is the same. Now children are very clever. If you ask me, I am sure that over 80% of my students have a very high level of knowledge about*

*computers. The state tries to block some nude Web site. I understand that it is difficult to catch them. The more you block, the more the children want to know, want to see and want to try. I say that the government officials must use the existing laws on this matter strictly. If the students selling sex are not caught, they will think that the police will just let them go, they will never realize that they have done something wrong. Prostitution has become a fashion. When arrests are made in these cases, there must be public announcement of these arrests. Another thing is that there must be changes in our law. The laws are out of date. It is time the state enacted new laws covering these cases to make prosecution easier than now. There must be severe punishments for the crime clearly mentioned in the law. The scope of duties and responsibilities of law enforcement agencies must be made clear. These legal means can reduce the severity of this problem.”*

The last interviewee, Police Lt. Col. D (a pseudonym), a chief police officer for Cyber-crime Analysis Center, Office of Information Technology and Communication, Royal Thai Police, stated: “At present the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet is an important problem which every party concerned must cooperate in solving. This problem has a trend to expand to the junior and high schools as the Internet technology has developed and spread very fast.”

On the measures and solutions for correcting the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet, he stated:

*“For my part, I look at solving the problem as a whole. I stress the importance of the family. We must build moral values in our children in the family. We must create in them the concept of*

*what is right and what is wrong when they are still young children. Then try to explain the problem to the children correctly. Parents close the child's eye with their hands before a nude picture. But when the child has grown and is strong enough, she will remove the hands of her parents. It shows that those parents did not solve the problem correctly. Parents should have explained to her the evils of nudity. It is the same as solving the problem of selling sex through the Internet. State does only one thing; that is blocking nude sites. Why doesn't it try to solve problem of the child; inculcate in them correct values. Let the children enter the net, don't block. The more they are forbidden, the more they want to see."*

Another police officer in a leadership position in information technology had a similar opinion. He said:

*"On the question of law covering the selling of sex through the Internet, I think, it is not clear on the matter, scope, power of investigation and factors covering the crime. At present we are using the Royal Decree on Prevention and Suppression of Prostitution which came out in B. E. 2539. It is high time for the government to enact laws covering computer crime. It may help with the problem to a certain extent. If the government does not know enough about this topic, let a committee composed of experts on computer crime be established to study the situation and do research on this matter in order to use it as a basis for enacting new laws. There must be strict enforcement of punishments; there must be clear cut power for the officers to make arrests, investigate, interrogate etc."*

On measures to solve this problem another police specialist who is responsible for computer crimes said:

*“The work units responsible for this matter must have data base and know the system of investigating Internet crimes like they do in foreign countries. Software must be continuously developed and parents and guardians must be informed about the ways software is used. For example, parents can arrange to have traps set for the use of the Internet by their children. There are programs to block some sites of nudity and immorality; or they can have codes to prevent children opening some sites. Besides the development of software, the units must develop their personnel to have knowledge and ability to respond to modern technology related crimes that occur continuously. The government must allot quite a large budget for this purpose.”*

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **DISCUSSION OF THE RESEARCH RESULTS**

In this chapter the researcher will discuss the data collected through in-depth interviews of the 20 female students selling sex through the Internet, 5 customers who buy sex through the Internet and 5 experts concerned with this problem: a webmaster, two police officers, a professor, a specialist in technology and information crimes. The focus is on the forms and methods of selling sex through the Internet, and the causes of the female students selling sex through the Internet, guidelines for preventing and solving the problem of Internet prostitution. The data obtained by in-depth interview of the experts is used to check the correctness of the data obtained from the first group of participants. It checks the reliability of the qualitative data obtained through in-depth interview of the participants in order to answer the questions the research raised. The discussion will be organized according to the research questions, which are:

1. “What are the forms and methods of selling sex by female students through the Internet?
2. What are the causes of female students to selling sex through the Internet?
3. What are appropriate measures for preventing and solving the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet?”

#### **5.1 Forms and Methods of Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet**

The research results revealed that the forms of selling sex can be divided into: (1) direct sale of sex through the Internet; and (2) the indirect sale of sex

through the Internet meaning that the sex seller conducts her business through agents. Of the 20 students interviewed 19 students used the direct sales method conducting all stages of the sale by her without any involvement of agents. Only one student among the 20 students interviewed uses the indirect sales method passing through an agent. This finding does not coincide with the results of the qualitative research “Forms and Methods of Sex Service among Teenagers in the Eastern Part of Thailand” of Phatharaporn Bhupasiri (2546) who found that selling sex, mostly, is done in groups, passing through an agent. Direct sales are generally only done as repeat business, in other words when the seller is already acquainted with the buyer. The reason for the preference for indirect sales by many of the girls in Phatharaporn’s study is the fear of being arrested by the police pretending to be customers. The number of sex sellers through the Internet was small because of this fear of being tricked by the police.

Direct sale of sex through the Internet is a form of prostitution that evolved from the old form of selling sex in entertainment places or similar places where the seller and buyer of sex could meet each other in person. With Internet prostitution the seller and buyer initially meet in “cyberspace” and conduct most of the preliminaries of their business there before meeting in person. From the data obtained through in-depth interviews in the present study, we can see that the fact that Internet prostitution is easier and more convenient is an important consideration for the students who sell sex using this medium. Other important considerations are that relatively large sums of money can be made, it is not necessary to pass through the agents, privacy can be maintained and the seller and buyer feel there is less of a threat of being arrested by the police as detailed below.

**1) Internet is a channel through which it is easy to make a lot of money in a short time.**

Selling sex through the Internet is a new form of prostitution that enables the sex seller to make much money fast. This was explained by one of sex sellers who said:

*“... For me selling sex through the Internet is necessary. I need a lot of money because I use a lot of money. My father gives me only 5,000 Baht a month, but my expenses come to 20,000 Baht. Most of it is used for buying clothes, accessories and cosmetics. If I work in an ordinary part-time job, the money would still not be enough. If I sell sex just for a short time, I can get 1,500 - 2,000 Baht easily.”*

One of the customers said:

*“I think most of the girls selling sex want money fast for personal expenses some of which are necessary, some of which are unnecessary. Some girls I met said that they would immediately go and buy new mobile telephone.”*

One of the experts, a college administrator, who was interviewed, stated that:

*“The hi-speed Internet has had a serious adverse effect on the daily lives of many students. The technology has advanced to the extent that sound and pictures are very clear, and the prices of computers and Internet services keep coming down making it very accessible. As the technology spreads, it is in the nature of human beings to look for bad ways and good ways to use this technology. One of the bad ways is to use it to make money through selling sex. Young people can make a lot of money fast to provide them with their creature comforts.”*

**2) Internet media is open, convenient, and easy to enter, fast and it can be used freely.**

Internet makes selling sex convenient, fast and easy. It can be done at any time and at any place, whether it is at home or in an Internet café or other places without anybody knowing about it. It is a way to save time. One of the experts said:

*“It is easy. Anybody can use it. It all depends on who uses it for what. Especially, the students use it for selling sex because it is convenient, wherever they are they can sell.”*

One of the sex sellers gave a similar reason when she said:

*“One reason for my selling sex through the Internet is that it is very convenient. If I want money urgently, I can just enter the net and sell sex. In the blink of an eye I can get a few thousand Baht. I am sure there is no other profession where we can make money as fast as this.”*

Another specialist who is a webmaster explained that developments in the hi-speed Internet system will increase the Internet prostitution because the sound and video picture quality is so high that both customers and sellers take the pictures to be an accurate reflection of the real person and are willing to make a decision on the basis of the Internet pictures alone.

### **3) Selling sex without passing through an agent and without having to pay commission**

Selling sex through the Internet is mostly by direct sale, the sex sellers do not have to pay commission to an agent as mentioned by one of the sex buyers:

*“I think the students choose to sell sex through the Internet because like that they don’t have to belong to any group and don’t have to pay commission to agents. Agents sometimes will take a very high commission. Sometimes the sex seller will get almost nothing.”*

One of the sex sellers supported the above-mentioned opinion by saying:

*“... it is very important that there is no commission deducted by an intermediary... it is not right. We must sell our bodies and should receive all of the money we earn without agents deducting our income in the form of commission. They don't work as we do. Selling like this [through the Internet] is better. We don't have to share the money with anybody.”*

A police officer, a specialist in High-Tech crime, confirmed the above reason when he said that the reason why female students choose to sell sex through the Internet is that it makes them independent, they can sell sex on their own without having an agent. They will get the money from the customer in full without any commission being deducted. Another thing he said is that they can work at any time, anywhere and stop working at any time.

#### **4) Secrets can be kept**

Using the Internet allows the transaction to be more or less a secret. The buyer and the seller do not have to reveal themselves in the usual places where prostitution takes place. They meet in cyberspace and make all the arrangements there and only meet briefly in the real world before consummating their relationship. Perhaps only a few of the seller's friends who are also selling sex will know about this activity. One of the sex sellers said:

*“It is necessary for me to sell sex. When there is no money, I have to earn it. I don't know anyone who will lend money to me. I must help myself. I intend to sell sex for a short time and stop. I don't want anybody to know about it. I am ashamed. Selling sex through the Internet is better [than the usual way] because my secret will not be revealed.”*

One of the sex buyers supported this saying:

*“I think it is better to buy sex through the Internet than buy it in other places. I am afraid of meeting people whom I know [when I’m with a sex seller]. I feel ashamed when I have to go to a hotel for commercial sex. Buying like this is better as it will remain a secret.”*

Information from an expert and owner of a web site obtained through in-depth interview confirm this notion of the importance of secrecy for both the buyer and seller. He said that both the seller and the buyer do not like to reveal their business to others. Some of the sex sellers are students with high social standing. The buyers of sex may be persons with good jobs and perhaps even high positions. They do not want other people to know about their buying sex. Therefore, selling and buying sex through the Internet is one of the best ways to keep it a secret.

#### **5) Both sellers and buyers are able to evade the law**

Selling sex through the Internet is a channel in which the risk of being arrested is the least compared to other ways of selling sex, especially, if a computer in an Internet café is used. It is difficult to locate the source and person; or least it will take a long time for the police to do it.

One of the sex sellers said:

*“Selling sex in this way is good. There is no risk; we don’t have to be afraid of being arrested. Nobody on the net knows us. We have no history. After selling sex, we just disappear.”*

A buyer of sex also is of the same opinion. He said: “... I feel it is quite safe for me when I enter the net to buy sex.”

One of the experts who is managing an organization said that it is difficult to catch people selling and buying sex through the Internet as the communication

takes place without leaving a trace. When a case is sent to court, there will be a problem of proving the place of the crime. It is even more difficult if the both buyer and seller use computers in an Internet café. It will take a long time to trace them.

From the above information it can be seen that the Internet is only an easy and convenient channel for female students to sell sex. The ease of selling sex does not cause the female students to sell sex through the Internet. In the next section we will address the causes of female students selling sex through the Internet.

## **5.2 Reasons for Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet**

The reasons, given by both sex sellers and sex buyers, for female students selling sex through the Internet, can be summarized as follows.

### **1) Lack of money or poverty**

The money the students receive on a weekly or monthly basis from their parents or guardians is considered by them to be enough for necessities only leaving them with expenses that need to be paid for some other way. When the students cannot find enough money for these expenses, they will turn their attention to selling sex through the Internet. Their expenses generally consist of learning materials, registration fee, personal expenses, younger brother's tuition fee, clothes, mobile phone, hair styling, cosmetics, money to party with boyfriends etc.

The interviews of both sex sellers and sex buyers indicate that both parties believe that the main cause of female students selling sex arises from the lack of money for their expenses, whether they are necessary or extravagant and unnecessary expenses. A great deal of previous research confirms the above-mentioned cause. The study carried out in the year 2533 by the Sub-committee for Solving Child Prostitution found that the main cause for teenagers entering prostitution was a value system advocating luxury goods, excessive materialism, a desire for money and a

love of going to entertainment places, (Sub-committee for Solving Child Prostitution, 2533: 50), and in the Women's Foundation seminar on the Structure of Prostitution in the year 2533 it was found that an important cause of teenage girls taking to prostitution was the desire for riches and material possessions. (Women's Foundation, 2533: 50). Another reason contributing to this trend is the present situation they find themselves in. These sex sellers therefore choose to adjust themselves to new circumstances through innovation. That is, rather than adopt the socially approved means achieve the goals valued by society they choose a new means to achieve them instead. The new means they choose is to sell sex in exchange for money and social status. This coincides with Merton's theory of social anomie.

## **2) Family Problems**

Family problems can be considered an important factor urging or pushing the female students to sell sex through the Internet. There are many family problems like broken families, parents' divorce, or conflicts between parents, mother having a new partner, father having a mistress and the death of parents. All these things make the children receive insufficient care; or at times they are abandoned, or lack love and warmth. Sometimes children will have to face violence in the family. These are factors that will lead the children to being persuaded easily to engage in behaviours that are not suitable for children. Besides that, some families do not oppose their daughters selling sex. They do not think it is anything wrong because it will be helping the family to earn money. Sometimes families do not break up but there are problems like the parents' working hard aiming at only earning money for the children. There is no time to give the children. All these problems lead to the children missing a stable family life. This makes them vulnerable to entering into Internet prostitution.

From the interviews with the participants, it was found that the family relationships of two of the interviewees were not good. The parents of one interviewee were separated and both parents had new families. The interviewee stayed with her grandmother, and she was burdened with the need to find money for

the education of her younger brother. Both of her parents of the second interviewee were unfaithful to each other. There was no family love and they quarreled every day. So that interviewee came to study in Bangkok to escape from this problem. These problems might have been suppressed and remained hidden in the unconsciousness of both these girls leading them to sell sex through the Internet as a way of experiencing love and affection, at least temporarily.

This interpretation is in agreement with the study of Nungruethai Opaspasu (2546:138) who found that in most cases the problem of female students selling sex arises from family problems. The parents do not supervise the behavior of their children because they have their own problems to deal with like divorce. They are sometimes overly strict with their children as a result of stress and alienate them or they give too little time to their children, they may be a bad example to their children and lack understanding of them. Teenagers demand understanding from the family and society. When they cannot get what they want, they rebel against the family and escape both from the family and social regulations in search of their needs as they feel that they are not loved and understood. They lack security and self-confidence and this affects their way of thinking. They may think that they are valueless. They have no self-esteem or sense of pride in themselves. When they come to the city the freedom they experience from the watchful eye of family or other community members as well as the influence of friends can easily lead them to decide to sell sex through the Internet.

This explanation is congruent with social control theory. Since they cannot get what they want from the family and society, they turn to their friends and form a rebellious subculture against the family and society.

### **3) Personal needs**

Personal needs are one of the causes leading female students to sell sex through the Internet. This personal need arises from family pressure and surroundings. The factors contributing to it are lack of family warmth due to a broken

family, family quarrels, the father having a mistress, the mother having a new partner, the parents' addiction to gambling, the parents' addiction to drugs, living with an abusive step-father, and breaking up with a lover etc. All these factors can lead to antisocial activities. The teenage girls think that society is unfair to them. They want to mock at society and life. They begin to feel that there is nothing wrong in selling sex. Therefore, they choose to sell sex as a reaction against society and family pressure.

From interviews with the sex sellers it was found that the cause of entering prostitution through the Internet was the need to mock at life to relieve them of the pressure they felt. For example, one interviewee explained when her lover abandoned her for a new lover she felt that there was no barrier against prostitution as she had already lost her virginity. She said that at least selling sex through the Internet brings in money whereas she was giving herself to her lover for free. It agrees with the finding of Therayut Rungrueng (2545) who wrote that one of the causes for selling sex through the telephone was that the girls had already lost their virginity and had been having regular sexual relations with their lovers. After they separated it was easy to begin to sell sex through the Internet.

Apart from that, from the information received from observation it was found that the teenagers at present do not value their bodies. They do not see the importance of keeping their virginity or refraining from extra-marital sex. The idea that there is nothing wrong with having sex is built into their way of thinking although they know that selling sex is illegal and immoral. They know also that there are not any laws or measures that can effectively control the sale of sex through the Internet. Moreover, their entry to the circle of Internet prostitutes was not opposed by anyone. Indeed, some families or neighbors even expressed the idea that selling sex was lucrative and thus acceptable.

#### **4) Materialism and Extravagant Life Style of the Sex Seller**

At present our teens are extravagant and controlled by materialism. They want goods like handbags, clothes, cosmetics, watches, shoes, and mobile phones

that are expensive, fashionable and bear famous brand names. They compete with each other materially. People having these things are considered superior. At the same time if they lack these things they feel inferior. If they do not have enough money to buy them from their normal income, they will seek other ways to get money such as selling sex through the Internet which is easy and convenient and pays well.

From the interviews with both sex sellers and sex buyers, it was found that extravagancy is one of the main causes leading students to sell sex through the Internet. Several sex sellers admit that one of the reasons they sell sex is that they are addicted to extravagancy; they need to spend a lot of money to have all modern amenities. At least they must have the newest brand of mobile phone, clothes, and expensive shoes just like their friends or people in society in general. Some of the sex sellers look at other sex sellers who are able to have all these material things as their role models.

The research findings of Prasai Siripreechaphong on Girl Prostitutes in The District of Nakorn Panom (2542) were somewhat similar as those in this present research. That researcher studied the process of entering prostitution by female teens and focused on the conditions and factors of girls of 12-18 years of age selling sex. The findings of the research were that the main reason for teens entering prostitution was extravagancy in purchasing clothes and wanting money to go out with friends. Besides that the research shows that another reason for teens entering prostitution is coming under the influence of friends who were engaged in this sex service. It is from these friends that the children learn their value system, beliefs and the techniques and methods of selling sex. (Prasai, 2542:77)

These research findings agree with Sutherland's theory of Differential Association that emphasizes the role of criminal friends in influencing other to engage in similar criminal behaviour. These new criminals after learning about

criminal activities from their friends who were already criminals, also found support from their friends in maintaining their criminal behaviour.

### **5) Teenage Values Related to Sex**

As a result of globalization Thai youth are imitating the value systems of Japanese and Western people. These values emphasise the fact that it is normal for young people who love each other to have casual sexual relations. Other Western values are to have sex with strangers for fun, change partners frequently, engage in group sex for fun. Japanese and Western youth value excitement and new experiences and these values are spreading widely among Thai teens now. Sex or virginity is not considered to be anything special and there is no taboo on extra-marital sex as in the past. The female students selling sex through the Internet in the present research had already lost their virginity to boy friends and they said that this made it easy to have sex with strangers.

From the interviews it was found that both sex sellers and sex buyers have the same opinion that the present value system on sex is one of the causes for female students for selling sex through the Internet. They believe that apart from earning money; selling sex is an exciting way of gaining new life experiences.

The research of Phatharaporn Bhupasiri (2546) concluded that teenagers easily imitate the Western culture of having sex with strangers for excitement because Thai society is weak and disorderly and cannot resist when Western culture enters Thailand. Thus teenagers are unable to distinguish between what is suitable and unsuitable and easily abandon traditional Thai cultural values.

#### **Value system of the sex buyer**

At present it is a fashion to buy sex from students and ladies who work but need special income rather than going to the brothels and other traditional sex venues. People who enter the Internet to buy and sell sex must be people with good education and economic status, and have studied the use of Internet or at least they have a working knowledge of computers and the Internet. If an Internet café is used

they will have to pay an hourly rate. The contact and negotiations will take many hours for buying sex each time. It is not every time that there is a quick agreement to buy and sell. Therefore, the use of Internet in buying and selling sex is filtering the buyers to a certain extent. The customer must be of middle economic class or higher and will take it for granted that the sex sellers through the Internet must be students or employees in their youth, with a high level of education, not the ordinary prostitutes found in brothels. These Internet prostitutes it is assumed do not sell sex as a full-time profession and may not have sold themselves to many men.

One of the sex buyers said:

*“Most of the men buying sex through the Internet will think similarly that the sex seller through this channel will be temporary sellers, not professionals. Perhaps for some of them it is their first trial, and mostly they are students because people selling sex through the Internet must have sufficient knowledge of computers and the Internet. If they are ordinary prostitutes they will not be able to use the system.”*

Information obtained from an expert who is the administrator of a college in Mahasarakham makes the above statement clearer. He stated:

*“At present sex buyers have a much different value system than in the past. Formerly people went to brothels. Later it became the girls serving in the restaurants, karaoke, pubs, etc. It keeps on changing. Now it has become more fashionable to buy sex from female students through the Internet because they believe that the students are still virgins; or at least they have not had many men. The use of the Internet for this service makes it even easier to buy sex. They can see the girls’ pictures, looks, and proportions and negotiate prices on-line.”*

At present the sex sellers think that the sex buyers using this channel will be, mostly, working age with a high position, high salary, good education and status; not ordinary laborers who may not have enough money to pay for the service. Some of these high status customers they believe do not like to go to brothels with higher charges, or they have to protect their good image and status so that the others may not look at them negatively. Laborers or construction workers, massage parlor workers and such people on the other hand will not have the knowledge to buy and sell sex over the Internet.

One of the sex sellers said:

*“We think that the customers who contact us for our sex services through the Internet must be high status persons; not laborers because people who use this medium must at least have some knowledge of computers. To enter chat rooms for sex you must pass through the process of applying for membership and other processes. And they must have good jobs with high enough salary. Most of the people we meet are people who are working.”*

The above-mentioned reasons were supported by an expert who is a specialist in prevention and suppression of Cyber crimes. He said:

*“I think both the sellers and buyers of sex through the Internet must be people with enough knowledge of computers and the Internet. Buying and selling through this medium will serve to filter out undesirable people to a certain extent. At least it must be people with sufficient knowledge and education. The buyers, mostly, will be people working with a high enough salary and a value system similar to that of the students. Another thing is that it is convenient to buy sex service in this way. It is also safe. If sex is bought through the Internet whether it is from home or*

*from an Internet café, nobody will know. It is easy to keep one's behaviour a secret, also."*

It can be summarized that the main cause of female students selling sex through the Internet is lack of money, family problems, personal needs, materialism, and new value system about sex among teenagers. It includes the value system of the buyers and sellers. The Internet allows prostitution to spread very fast.

### **5.3 Guidelines for Prevention and Solution to the Problem of Female Students Selling Sex through the Internet**

The forms and methods of selling sex through the Internet by female students result in problems to the society if not directly, then indirectly. Therefore, for the common good, all parties concerned, the state, private agencies, communities, schools, and families should help in preventing and taking care of children so that they do not end up engaged in this money making activity. Parents must care for their children and give them warmth and love. Teachers also have a role to play in preventing teenagers becoming involved in Internet prostitution. From the information obtained from the interviewees, the measures to prevent and the solutions to the problem can be classified under three main groups as below:

#### **1) Social Measures**

One important cause of the female students selling sex through the Internet is family problems like broken family, family quarrels, separation of parents, parents not having time to give their children, lack of love and warmth, and lack of understanding between the children and their parents. The teenage years are the time when children need love and care. When the family ignores this fact, there will be dissatisfaction leading to self-pity among the children and they may express it through escaping from the family and staying with their friends. This is an attempt to find people who understand them and a way of demanding the attention of their

parents. It may be a cause of them selling sex through the Internet. The problem of selling sex through the Internet arising from this cause must be solved through cooperation of all sections of the society, whether it is the family, educational institutions, or communities. Parents must set good examples to their children, care for them, give them a lot of love and warmth, teach and train the children. Educational institution must impart an all round education including both knowledge and morality. Monks must practice their religious discipline strictly as an example to children and youth. Communities must be strong and watch over the students in their communities closely. Besides that, everybody in the society must cooperate in inculcating in the children and youth the value of Thai culture, piety, honor and self-worth.

One of the sex sellers said:

*“I say, the family is the most important. If you want to solve the problem it must begin with the family. Parents must give their time to children, must give them a lot of love and warmth. It will be sufficient protection for children”.*

Another sex seller echoed that sentiment when she said:

*“Some parents give only money to their children. There have no time at all for them. They let the children play with their friends. They don’t know what sorts of friends their children meet. When they know it, it will be too late.”*

Other sex sellers agreed that *parents must be good role models for their children and desist from liquor and gambling.*

Regarding the role of educational institutions, one of the sex sellers said:

*“I knew about sex through the Internet when I was in school. I understood that the teacher did not mind. So I used the school*

*Internet to sell sex. If we want to solve the problem of selling sex, it must begin in the school. Teachers must care for their students closely and must know if they use the net for the purpose it was intended for.”*

Another sex seller said:

*“Schools must teach the children to have more awareness than they have now. They must teach them to hate selling sex through the Internet.”*

Besides those two, another sex seller through the Internet said:

*“The reason for my selling sex is because I don’t have enough money. If I had work during my studies, I would not sell sex. I want the schools to provide jobs for the students during their studies.”*

The measures of prevention mentioned above were supported by one of the specialists who are a college administrator. He said:

*“Families must be strong first. Parents must look after their children with love, warmth and understanding. Educational institutions must inculcate in the students a good value system.”*

Another specialist who is working on crimes related to technology and information said:

*“The family must come first in the solution of this problem. Parents must give a lot of love, warmth and understanding to their children. They must build immunity in their children. Let the children know their duties and responsibilities. Cultivate in*

*them a good value system and culture. Along with that, both the state and private educational institutions must also have the duty to cultivate a good value system in the students. In particular, they must love themselves and feel honored in being born a female. Teachers and professors must see to that they don't get out of line."*

Most sex sellers, sex buyers and experts are of the opinion that the effective measures of preventing Internet prostitution are social measures in line with the study of Phatharaporn Bhupasiri on "Forms and Methods of Sex Service among Teenagers in the Eastern Part of Thailand". In her guidelines for preventing and solving the sale of sex, she says all parties concerned must cooperate in cultivating awareness in the children and there must be campaigns for instilling good Thai culture and values.

## **2) Legal Measures**

Legal measures are important for preventing the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet. Selling sex through the Internet is considered to be a cyber crime. It is a crime against Thai morality but its scope in the law is limited as selling sex through the Internet is only a means of communication to sell and buy sex. Handing over the money and sexual services has not taken place. The laws cannot be applied clearly to punish the criminals. Although at present the government is drafting laws about the use of computers that includes accessing information or computers without authorization, hacking etc., in the case of selling sex through the Internet, there is still no law to control it. At present the Royal Decree on Suppression of Prostitution, B.E. 2539 is still being applied. Therefore in order to successfully prevent and solve the problem of selling sex through the Internet, the government must hasten to draft laws which are applicable to modern times and suitable to the criminal behaviour and Thai social environment which has changed. There must be strict punishments of all parties whether they are sellers,

buyers, agents or other people who are engaged in the wrongdoing directly or indirectly. One of the sex sellers said:

*“I don’t really want to give my opinion on this matter. But, I say, there are many means to prevent the sale of sex by students and to prevent the sex buyers. But if legal punishment is considered suitable, it may help.”*

One of the buyers said:

*“Let the law prescribe serious punishments for both the seller and buyer of sex. I speak from an impartial point of view for in a short time I am going to quit.”*

One of the specialists during the in-depth interview on female students selling sex on the Internet said that laws must be modified, rectified and updated. There must be strict punishments to all people concerned with the selling of sex through the Internet.

One of the police officers, a Commander of the First Division, Department of Child, youth and woman Abuse Suppression, who is in charge of the section on prevention and suppression of crimes against children, youth and women in the Royal Thai Police and who is a specialist and directly involved in the control, prevention and suppression of sex abuse and human sale in the country and abroad said:

*“The state must issue new laws better suited to modern times, with clearly determined methods and strict punishments for the criminals in order to make them afraid of wrongdoing. In addition to that, the law enforcement authorities at all levels whether they are in the Royal Thai Police, Special Investigation*

*and Interrogation section or ICT Ministry, must have good technological knowledge.”*

The above mentioned method of prevention is similar to that of another specialist who is a police officer in the Royal Thai Police and an expert on crimes involving Information and Communication Technology. He stated:

*“At present we are still using the old laws to conduct cases involving sex criminals. They are not clear whether in the matter of jurisdictional area, authority for investigation or factors of crimes. The state must hasten to enact modern computer laws with strict punishments determined and mentioning clearly the authority and responsibility of authorities concerned.”*

From the results of interviews with sex sellers, sex buyers and specialists, we can see that they have similar opinions that using legal measures is a way to solve the problem of female students selling sex over the Internet. The research study of Phatharaporn Bhupasiri also suggested legal ways to prevent and solve the problem of Internet prostitution. She suggested that there must be laws providing for strict punishment of all parties concerned whether they are sellers, buyers, government officials or other people involved directly or indirectly in the crime.

### **3) Technological Measures**

Technological measures also have the potential to improve the situation. One of the specialists who is a social welfare official and web master of a site working on helping children and youth said:

*“At present there are several programs to block immoral sites. Parents can block for these programs in various websites like [www.thaiparents.net](http://www.thaiparents.net), [www. Cyberpatrol.com](http://www.Cyberpatrol.com) etc. These programs can lock websites that are not suitable for children. It*

*is a way to prevent children from initiating the process of selling sex through the Internet.”*

Apart from the above, another specialist who is a police officer in the Royal Thai Police and an expert on crimes involving Information and Communication Technology said:

*“The work units involved with this matter need to develop on all sides. Developing the server to make it up-to-date is one way to help prevent female students selling sex through the Internet. Some programs can monitor the use of the Internet by your children. We can see the history of use of the Internet by the children to see whether the websites that they use persuade them to sell or buy sex. There are some programs that are able to use secret codes in order to prevent children from entering websites involving sex.”*

However, the lack of work units or organizations to monitor and care for and prevent Internet prostitution is another problem about these preventive measures. There are only NECTEC, Police Information Technology Center, the Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime and the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology to monitor all types of cyber crimes and they do not focus on selling sex through the Internet. Another thing is that as technology develops very fast, it will alter the forms of selling sex. It is hard to make arrests. Moreover, the personnel have not enough knowledge and ability in computer technology. Therefore, the state or other agencies concerned must hasten to appoint work units to perform the duty of monitoring and preventing the sale of sex through the Internet. They must be well prepared on all sides, whether it is the number of personnel, budget allotted, devices provided, knowledge, ability or expertise.

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This chapter consists of a summary of the research, important suggestions derived from this study regarding the prevention and control of the problem of Internet prostitution and recommendations for further research studies.

#### **6.1 Summary of the Research**

Summary of the research was divided into three parts:

- 6.1.1 Forms and methods of the Internet prostitution by female students
- 6.1.2 Reasons for female students to sell sex through the Internet
- 6.1.3 Measures for solving the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet

##### **6.1.1 Forms and methods of the Internet prostitution by female students**

The results of the study of the forms of selling sex through the Internet by female students reveal that 19 out of 20 of the students used the method of direct sale of sex through the Internet. One of the sex sellers said:

*“I used to be a “pretty”. Now there is not much work. I am in trouble now because I lack money to pay my tuition fees and to meet a lot of other expenses. I have many friends who are in a similar situation. We want kind men to understand us; men who are not choosy and not complaining and are able to pay for the time spent with us. But the money must be paid in advance before*

*the activity because we are afraid we will be cheated. Pay 4,000 Baht and up. We are not girls selling sex at Siam Square or massage parlors. We do it because we need money to pay tuition fees. That is the truth. If we get paid in full, we will stop. We have good figures; not fat, we are loveable. We guarantee that you will not be disappointed. What ever kind of sex you want, you can tell us.”*

There are other sex sellers who used the same method and said similarly:

*“Really desperate for money. Studying in the third year. ... Appointment can be made to meet at Ma Boon Krong. Not expensive. Price can be negotiated. ... If interested contact 02466xxxx or 09767xxxx before midnight. Name is .... White like Chinese... Repeat. Want to sell really. Accept only men working. I want only clean persons... Don't call me just for fun. It is urgent because I need to buy new mobile phone but I don't have enough money.”*

### **6.1.2 Reasons for female students to sell sex through the Internet**

The causes of female students selling sex through the Internet can be summarized as follows:

#### **1) Poverty or Poor Economic Circumstances**

Most (13 out of 20) of the students selling sex do so for lack of money for their expenses, both necessary and unnecessary. The allowance from the family or guardians was sufficient only for some necessary things. It was not enough for the various expenses of the students. The way out for them was to sell sex through the Internet. One of the sex sellers said:

*“I want to have a Louis Vuitton handbag. I have wanted it for a long time. When I saw that my friends have it, I want one like that; otherwise, they will say I am a simpleton.”*

## **2) Family Problems**

Two female students among the participants selling sex through the Internet stated that family problems pushed them into Internet prostitution. Family problems like a broken family, separation of the parents, conflict between the parents, the father having a mistress and the death of the parents lead to the lack of love and warmth and caused the children to sell sex as a way of compensating for the pain experienced as a result of these problems. One of the sex sellers said:

*“I felt lonely. Nobody loved me. It was not possible to stay home because my father and mother quarreled every day. My sister had already escaped from the family. I didn’t know what to do. My friends persuaded me to come to Bangkok. So I followed them. Not long after I felt lonely again. I wanted somebody to love me. So I tried selling sex with the hope that I might meet someone who really loves me.”*

## **3) Personal Needs**

Only three participants gave personal needs as the reason for selling sex through the Internet. These personal needs arose from the pressure of the family or environment, from lack of warmth in the family as the family broke up or a lover finding a new girl.

All these pressures made them express their bitterness through anti-social activities to made a mock of life. They had also had the feeling that selling sex was not in any way wrong. They, therefore, turned to selling sex to challenge the society and react to the pressure. One of the participants in the study said:

*“I am fed up with life. I was born poor. My parents went their separate ways when I was still a child. I stayed with my grandmother. Life is hard. I pity myself. It is better to sell sex.”*

#### **4) Materialism and Extravagancy of the Sex Seller**

Eleven of the participants took up selling sex through the Internet because of their extravagant habits. It can be concluded that majority of the participants was addicted to luxury and materialism. They wanted to have expensive brand name goods like handbags, clothes, cosmetics, watches, shoes or mobile telephones. There was some kind of a competition. They considered the person with more of these expensive items as the most outstanding. If they could not catch up with others, they felt humiliated and lost self confidence. They, therefore, looked for these things. However, the allowance from home was not enough. They then turned to selling sex through the Internet. One of them said:

*“When I get the money [from selling sex], I will hurry to buy a new phone. Otherwise, I’ll be considered old fashioned.”*

#### **5) New Value System about Teenage Sex**

Only 2 of the participants stated that they took up selling sex sale through the Internet because of the new value system among teenagers. It can be concluded that the new value system was not an important factor in the sale of sex through the Internet. The new value system appeared only recently and imitates teens in the West and in Japan in the matter of changing sleeping partners, having sex with strangers or group sex. Having such a value system will make it easy for the female students to sex sell through the Internet. One of the sex sellers said:

*“I have my lover. I don’t care about selling sex. Sleeping with others is the same as sleeping with the lover.”*

### **6.1.3 Measures for solving the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet**

From the in-depth interview of specialists it can be concluded that there are three main measures to prevent or solve the problem of Internet prostitution:

#### **1) Social measures**

The causes of the problem might arise from the family like parents' frequent quarrelling, separation or the lack of time given to the children. Lack of time, love, and warmth and care can lead to self-pity on the part of the children. These children, when they meet friends are easily persuaded to sell sex thinking it will make them happy. In solving this problem, various social institutions must cooperate. The family institution, parents and guardians, must set good examples to their children; they must build love, warmth and understanding, give time to the children, supervise them, including the friends they meet. Educational institutions must encourage and impart correct knowledge on sex, watch over the use of the Internet and teach them to use the Internet properly and inculcate in the children self awareness and campaign against selling sex through the Internet.

#### **2) Legal measures**

Female students' sex sale through the internet is considered a computer crime which is against Thai morality. In selling sex in this way, the sex seller uses the Internet technology as a convenient channel. They can sell sex from anywhere whether it is the house, hostel, Internet café or other places where there is access to the Internet. They can evade laws and the risk of being arrested by the police is much less than selling sex in other ways, especially if a computer in the Internet café is used, as the state authorities must waste a lot of time to locate the source, investigate and interrogate and bring the criminal to justice. At present in order to arrest sex offenders criminal law and the Royal decree on the suppression of prostitution 2539, are used. However, there are no clear laws enabling the authorities to take actions on

all sex offences. Legal measures must be used along with other measures to control and solve the problem of Internet prostitution. The state and other units concerned must improve the existing laws, provide for more serious punishments suitable to the crime and social environment which has changed a great deal.

### **3) Technological measures**

The forms of sex sale will keep changing to suit the sellers and buyers. At present, the sale of sex through the Internet is popular with teenagers and students because it is convenient and fast. They can bargain prices and appoint a meeting time and place on-line. The sex seller can choose the time to provide the sex services. Therefore, in order to solve the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet, technological assistance is needed, for example, prevention through controlling the Internet server. There are many programs for eavesdropping on the “chat” of the family members in order to know who the children spoke to, or if they are involved in selling sex on-line. There are programs which will prevent access to some web sites which are not suitable for the children.

However, there are problems in implementing those measures at present. The main problem is the insufficient number of units or organizations to investigate and prevent Internet prostitution. There are only the Ministry of Information and Technology, NECTEC, Information Center of the National Police Bureau, and the Technological Crimes Office who play a part in controlling computer crimes and they do not focus on selling sex through the Internet. Apart from that, there are few personnel with knowledge of Internet technology. Therefore, the state, or other organizations involved must establish units for investigating and preventing Internet prostitution. Such organizations must be ready in terms of the number of personnel, budget, technology, knowledge, ability and expertise.

## **6.2 Recommendations**

After studying the forms, methods and causes pushing the female students into selling sex through the Internet and causing problems to Thai society, the researcher is of the opinion that for the common good of all parties concerned, the state, private agencies, communities, and families should cooperate to prevent and solve this problem. After having reviewed the relevant literatures and researches, the researcher would like to suggest the following ways to prevent and solve the problem of female students selling sex through the Internet.

### **6.2.1 Guidelines for Prevention of Selling Sex through the Internet**

#### ***6.2.1.1 Policy or macro level measures of prevention***

1) *Policy on Consumerism*: Reduce the societal materialism and consumerism, encourage the self-sufficiency economy which stresses on reducing expenditures and increase saving, emphasizes the value of public services and works of great merit.

2) *Educational Policy*: Educational system should be suitable to life and locality where the students reside. Educate the children to appreciate the value of Thai culture and the Thai value system, and the honor of being Thai.

3) *Legal Policy*: The state should suggest amendments to laws on selling sex through the Internet like the Royal Act on the Suppression of Prostitution. There should be punishments equal to punishments in criminal law and enforce laws on selling sex through the Internet seriously. Enforce punishments strictly on all parties whether they are sex sellers, sex buyers, agents, webmasters, or others who are involved directly or indirectly with the crime. Allow the organizations or units cooperate with the police in conducting cases against the network of Internet prostitution at all stages.

4) *Policy on Places*: The state must continuously and seriously monitor places of sex sale through the Internet. Places like hostels, rented houses, apartments, motels, resorts and Internet cafés must be monitored in order to prevent students using them as places to sell sex. If it is found that laws and regulations are infringed, the owners of the hostels, houses, motels or internet cafés should be strictly punished.

5) *Policy on Media*: Media must help adapt new ways of thinking, attitude and value system about sex among students by having a network with all parties for solving the problem of Internet prostitution.

6) *Policy on Technology*: The state must determine ways to control Internet cafés with the cooperation of their owners in monitoring the use of the Internet by children and youth by requiring them to keep a list of users with their names.

#### ***6.2.1.2 Practical or micro level measures for prevention***

1) The family, parents and guardians, must know their role, duties and responsibilities in taking care of their children with love, and warmth. They need to protect the children and monitor their behavior by setting themselves as examples of goodness, morality, discipline and temperament.

2) The family, parents and guardians, must teach and advise the children on the correct values related to sex, matters of sex without hiding the facts or forbidding them to have anything to do with sex. The parents and guardians should not forbid it, the more it is forbidden, the more the children would want to know and experiment.

3) Educational institutions whether they are schools or state and private universities should encourage several activities, perhaps in the form of group

activities, or clubs in order to have the children learn systematically about sex and to create ideas of love, unity and helping each other in the group.

4) In the educational institutions, teachers and professors must adapt their curriculum of teaching and presentation of sex education using suitable methods and devices and media (perhaps organizing camps would be appropriate) in order to let the children have opportunities to express their opinions.

5) Teachers and professors must monitor the use of the Internet by their students closely and advise them on the correct use of it. Impart correct sexual values; oppose immoral sex presentation in the Internet like sex webs, sex movies or on-line sex.

6) Educational institutions, the teachers and professors, should organize clubs or student volunteers to oppose Internet prostitution making use of media like pamphlets, posters, youth journals, articles, messages, and audiovisuals like VDO, community radio, both in the campus and outside to campaign against wrong attitudes and values and instill in students correct sex values.

### **6.3 Recommendations for Further Research**

1) In-depth research should be conducted into all the forms and methods of selling sex through the Internet in order to know the forms, steps and methods and pass them on to units or organizations which are concerned with the issue to use in setting guidelines of prevention and solution to the problem of Internet prostitution.

2) Further studies could be done on the use of computers and the Internet by children, youth, teenagers and working age groups in order to assess their use, activities for which they are used, and the web sites and chat rooms they access regularly as a means to plan for solving the problem of Internet prostitution.

3) Research should be conducted on modern means of communication like PDA Phones and Smart Phones because these modern tools can access the Internet. Students may use the wireless Internet and sell sex even when they are in school. Therefore the methods and steps of these tools of communication must be studied in order to use the data for planning to prevent and solve problems of Internet prostitution.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **THAI**

- Anonymous (2549) Use of Summer Holidays by Students (December 21, 2549), the Daily News, Page 4.
- Boontham Hajathurat (2546), Changes in the Form of Sex sale of Females in the Muvang District, Chiangmai: Graduate School, Chiangmai University
- Charoen Phromyu (2541) Study of a Social Problem, Bangkok, Odeon Store.
- Graduate School, Mahidol University (2541) Thesis Manual, Bangkok, Charondee Press.
- National Child Policy, Vol. 5, July 19, 2545, Photo copy.
- Nungruethai Opaspasu (2546): Sex Sellers Problem of Youth Student, Bangkok: Graduate study on Social Welfare, Thammasat University
- Office of Information Technology Commission, National Electronics and Computer Technology, Electronics Technology Centre (NECTEC): Report on the users of the Internet in Thailand (The Internet User Profile of Thailand) 2548.
- Phanu Lavakul (2545) Forms and Methods of Corruption in a Tambol Local Administration in the North-East, Graduate thesis in Art, Administrative Development Institution.
- Phatharaporn Bhupasiri (2546), Forms and Methods of Sex Service among Teenagers in the Eastern Part of Thailand, Graduate Studies in Art, Administrative Development Institution.
- Prasai Siripreechaphong (2542), Girl Prostitutes in the District of Nakorn Panom, Thesis for Graduate Studies in Social Welfare, Thammasat University
- Research and Development Center for Sexology (2544), Sexual Behavior and Opinions of Sex providers on their Customers, Bangkok, Science Research Institute Chulalongkorn University.

- Revadee Kongsuphakupul (2539). The use of the Internet by students in Bangkok, Doctorate Thesis, Communication Arts, Chulalongkorn University.
- Srisombat Chokprajakchat (2547), Problem Definition on Law Enforcement in Nakhon Pathom Province, analysis of financial and network projects in Nakhon Pathom area, Mahidol University and Office of Research Fund.
- Sirisak Jamornmarn, Kanokvana Vongvanij (2544). Problems of Internet Sex: Protect Children or Adults.
- Somporn Thepsitha (2541), Social Control, Bangkok: Somchai Press.
- Somprasong Prasuchanthip and Angeli Pyathananon (2544), School students Rate R, University Students Rate X, sixth issue, Bangkok: BK Enterprise Company Limited.
- Suphang Janthvanij (2545), Methods of Qualitative Research, Bangkok: Chulalongkorn University Press.
- Thareerat Jemasiri (2545). The causes and Factors Lead to Prostitution of Female Students in Bangkok: Bangkok Case Study, Doctorate in Art, Chulalongkorn University.
- Therayut Rungrueng (2545), The Process of Sex Service in the form of Miss Telephone(prostitutes at call: Social Administration, Burapha University

## **INTERVIEWS**

- Ann (a pseudonym) August 14, 2549, sex seller
- Dao (a pseudonym), June 27, 2549, sex seller
- Dr. Vichien Tansirikongkhon, February 25, 2550, University Administrator, College of Politics and Governance, Mahasarakham University
- Fa (a pseudonym) July 1, 2549, sex seller.
- James (a pseudonym), May 5, 2549, sex customer.
- Jane (a pseudonym), June 3, 2549, sex seller.
- Kheng (a pseudonym), June 22, 2549, sex customer.
- Khaek (a pseudonym), August 21, 2549, sex seller.
- Loh (a pseudonym), March 17, 2549, sex customer.

Lt. Col. Daran Chatcaharoen, February 25, 2550, Inspector in charge of investigation and analysis of technological crimes, Office of Technology and Communication, National Police Bureau.

Col. Montri Yimyaem, February 23, 2550, Commander of the First Division, Department of Child, youth and woman Abuse Suppression, National Police Bureau.

Col. Yanpol Yungyuen February 21, 2550, the Commander of Special Investigation Office for cases of Communication Technology.

Man (a pseudonym), June 3, 2549, sex customer.

Nei (a pseudonym), August 3, 2549, sex seller.

Nam Khang (a pseudonym), March 30, 2549, sex seller.

New (a pseudonym), April 22, 2549, sex seller.

Ooi (a pseudonym), June 5, 2549, sex seller.

Om (a pseudonym), March 25, 2549, sex seller.

Paeng (a pseudonym), July 18, 2549, sex seller

Pel (a pseudonym), May 12, 2549, sex seller

Phon (a pseudonym), May 19, 2549, sex seller

Pupae (a pseudonym), April 20, 2549, sex seller

Pho (a pseudonym), March 28, 2549, sex seller

Pom (a pseudonym), July 5, 2549, sex customer

Prae (a pseudonym), sex seller

Rose (a pseudonym), March 19, 2549, sex seller

Sirisak Chaornmorn, February 25, 2543 Chairman of ASC Company

Sombath Boongamvong, February 20, 2550, Chairman of the Mirror Foundation.

Sugus (a pseudonym), June 3, 2549, sex seller

Tei (a pseudonym), June 11, 2549, sex seller

Y (a pseudonym), August 15, 2549, sex seller

## **ENGLISH**

Akers,R.L. (1994). *Criminological Theories : Introduction and Evaluation*. Los Angeles. CA : Roxbury Publishing Company.

Chamlin, Mitchell and Cochran, Juan. (1995). *Assessing Messier and Rosenfeld's Institutional Anomie Theory: A Partial Test Criminology*, 33: 411-429.

Orcutt, James D. (1980). "Testosterone, Aggression, Physical, and Personality Dimensions in Normal Adolescent Males." *Psychosomatic medicine*, 42: 253-269.

Sutherland, Edwin H. and Donald R. Cressey. (1978). *The Professional Thief*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Thornberry, Terence P., Alan J. Lizotte, Marvin D. Krohn, Margaret Farnworth and Sung Joon Jang. (1985). "The effect of dropping out of high school on subsequent criminal behavior," *Criminology*, 23: 3-18.

Travis H. (1978). *The Need for a New Approach to the Delinquent- Criminal Problem* in Ileonard J. Hippchen (ed.), *Ecologic –Biochemical Approach to Treatment of Delinquents and Criminals*. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold.

## **WEB SITES**

<http://www.Dr-Poll.com>

<http://www.durex.com>

<http://www.healthnet.in.th>, March 14, 2549

<http://www.kapook.com>, January 4, 2446

## **APPENDIX**

**APPENDIX A**  
**CONSENT FORM FOR THE RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS**

I know that Lt. Col. Arun Wanichanun, a student of Doctorate in Criminology and Social Administration, is doing a research on The Internet Sex Service of Female Students.

I willingly consent to participate in this research without any force, or deceit of any sort.

I received explanation from the researcher on the purposes of the research, the method of the research and the expected outcome of the research. He gave me opportunity to ask him about the project and I was given clear explanation.

I received assurance from the researcher that personal information about me will be kept secret and only a summary as a whole will be revealed. The information and tape will be destroyed soon after the analysis of the data and they will not be referred to without my written consent.

I had the right not to answer any of his questions which might be uncomfortable for me to do so and the interview can be cancelled at my will.

I have read the consent form of the research participants and understood it. In order to testify to my consent for participation in this project, I sign it hereby.

.....  
(.....)  
Date .....

(.....)  
Researcher  
Date: .....

## **GUIDELINE FOR INFORMAL CONVERSATION OR IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS**

The study of **The Internet Sex Service of Female Students** used informal conversation or in-depth interviews for collecting information using the guideline given below:

### **Part 1: General information about the research participants –**

#### **General background of the participants:**

- Age
- Number of brothers and sisters
- Educational Institution
- Level of Education
- Parents' Marital Status
- Upbringing
- Family Relationships
- Characteristics of Friends

### **Part 2: Interview about the forms and methods of selling sex of female students, and causes that led them to sell sex through the Internet.**

#### Forms of selling sex through the Internet

- Sexual experience prior to selling sex
- Method of selling sex
- Steps leading to selling sex

#### Causes leading to selling sex

- Economic necessity
- Consumerism



**FORM 2: FORM FOR INTERVIEWING SEX CUSTOMERS**

**Part 1: General information about sex customers**

- General background of sex customers
- Age
- Number of brothers and sisters
- Educational institution
- Level of education
- Status
- Income

**Part 2: Interview about forms and methods of buying sex from female students through the Internet**

- Experience in buying sex through channels
- Methods of buying sex through the Internet/points of consideration in choosing the sex provider
- Steps of buying sex through the Internet
- Reasons for buying sex through the Internet
- Guidelines for prevention and solution to the problem of the Internet prostitution

**Part 3: Suggestions**

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

**FORM 3: FOR INTERVIEWING EXPERTS CONCERNED WITH FEMALE STUDENTS SELLING SEX THROUGH THE INTERNET**

1) General information about the interviewee (experts/highly qualified people)

1. Name – Surname

.....

2. Present position

.....

3. Institution

.....

4. Working on

.....

5. Work experience .....years

.....

6. Qualification – Highest level of education ..... Faculty.....

From ..... In ..... past academic performance .....

.....

2) As a specialist, what are your opinions about female students selling sex through the Internet at present? What are their effects on society? And what is the future trend?

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

3) At present, what do you think are the forms, methods and causes of female students selling sex through the Internet?

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

4) From the point of view of other academic works what can you suggest for this study? (From articles, journals...)

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

5) As an expert, please mention guideline for prevention and solutions to the problem of Internet prostitution.....

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

## **APPENDIX B**

### **PROFILES OF STUDENT PROSTITUTES AND THEIR CUSTOMERS**

#### **First Case Study: Rose (a pseudonym)**

##### **Personal Background:**

Rose is a 20 years old girl. She is tall and slender, with a height of approximately 168 cm. She weighs about 43 kg with white complexion and long hair. Her face is lovely like a Chinese-Thai. She has two other siblings, a brother and a sister. She is the first born. She is an undergraduate in her first year studying in a private university in Bangkok. At present she is single but she has boyfriends. She is from Chonburi province. She lived with her grandmother from her early childhood. Grandmother owns a grocery. Her father and mother divorced when she was still a small child and have their own new families now. They come to visit her once in a while. She was brought up in an atmosphere where she was allowed to do anything. At first when she came to Bangkok, her grandmother gave her about 2,000 Baht a month. At present she earns 8,000- 10,000 Baht a month. The monthly expense is around 8,000 Baht. She has no special feelings for her parents She can meet any kind of friends.

##### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

Rose has no agent in her business. She sells sex through the Internet. She has her own computer and she uses it as channel for communication in her sex service. Mostly, she will use it between 20.00 and 24.00 hours. She conducts her service on her own. She will choose her customers by making an appointment to meet them. When it is time for appointment Rose will call the customer and ask him how he is dressed so she can recognize him in public. If she is not satisfied with the customer's looks, she will not sell sex to that customer. She may excuse herself saying that she is not free, or has urgent business. The service charge is about 2,000

Baht at a time. Sometimes she gets more if the customer is pleased with her. Once she got 5,000 Baht. Most of her customers are business men, students etc.

#### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Rose is a person who likes computer; likes to use the Internet every day between 19.00 and 22.00 hours. She likes especially the set chat program. Most of the time, she accesses the Internet in an Internet café. Sometimes she accesses it in the hostel. For contacting the customer, she always uses the set the Internet programs. The programs she regularly uses are Pirch, MSN, QQ etc. She will enter and leave her message and wait for customers to come on. She will write “Sale. Urgent need for money. House is close to .....(Road).” When the customer contacts her through e-mail, she will chat with him. At first she will get to know him. After that she will contact the customer through the mobile phone, or sometimes using the public telephone. The time used in contacting the customer through the Internet is not fixed. It depends on the customer. Some customers will have sex just after talking only once. Some others will have several conversations. Rose will choose her customers. Her customer must be young men of 20-25 years, handsome, tall, dressed cleanly and who speak politely. If Rose and the customer like each other, they will exchange pictures through the Internet. If the customer is interested, they will agree on the price. Most of the time, they will make an appointment to meet in a restaurant and then go to a hotel. She has used both luxury hotels and motels. If price is agreed on, she will demand the money in advance because she is afraid the money may not be paid after having sex. Rose will sell sex on an hourly basis only. There will be no sleeping overnight. For meeting the customer, she will go by herself, and then the customer will pick her up and send her near the hostel. She does not want the customer to see where she resides and she is also afraid that her friends will find out about involvement in prostitution.

#### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Rose lost her virginity to her boyfriend when she was studying in the Junior High School. Then she met many other boys who had sex with her. But their

relationships were always short. At present she has a boyfriend but he likes to ask her for money. Rose must find money for her studies, and personal expenses. Sometimes she also sends money to her family. This is the reason that compels her to sell sex. The first attempt at selling sex was made easy by her friend contacting the customer. She received 2,000 Baht. Her boyfriend does not know of her involvement in prostitution. After selling sex ten times she began to feel bored and she found that selling sex through the Internet was popular and exciting because there is the aspect of luck inasmuch as we do not know who the customer is going to be, what he looks like. The income is also good. When leaving a message on the Internet, she will choose chat rooms with ordinary names like Boredom Eradication, Broken Hearted, etc. She does not leave messages where the sale of sex is announced directly because she is afraid that the police will arrest her. When she was asked for her opinion to solve the problem of selling sex through the Internet, she said: "Parents must give love and warmth to their children." Apart from that, she said that the government must provide grants for education.

## **Second case study: Kaek (a pseudonym)**

### **Personal Background:**

Kaek is a 19 years old girl. She is tall, slender and well-proportioned. Her height is about 165 cm. She has a white complexion, big eyes and short hair. She likes to dress well. At first when the researcher met her, she was wearing a very short denim skirt and a single strapped blouse. She likes to wear a lot of makeup. She is a single child, at present studying in her second year in a private university in Bangkok. She is a single. Her birth place is Phra Nakhon Si Ayuthaya. She lives with her parents but family relationships are not at all good. Her parents fights and quarrel often. Father has many other women and mother likes playing cards. Father is a civil servant but mother stays home. Her father sends her about 5,000 Baht a month, but her real expenses come to about 10,000 - 20,000 Baht as she likes going out at night and wearing modern and fashionable clothes. She has many friends.

### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

Kaek likes using the Internet very much. She has a personal computer. She accesses the Internet from her hostel room and makes contact with sex customers. She is usually on the Internet from 22.00 to 24.00 hours. She surfs various Web sites. The programs she uses often are Pirc and MSN. At first, her intention was simply to look for boyfriends to chat to relieve her boredom or to have somebody to sleep with. But she began to lack money as she likes going out at night and has a lot of friends, and likes to buy things in imitation of her friends. This made her interested in selling sex through the Internet after talking with her friends. She will enter chat rooms to see who is interested in buying sex. Then she will contact the customer through his e-mail address or mobile phone. She will always choose her customers carefully. Her customers must be young men between the ages of 20 and 25 with a good looking face, white complexion, tall and slender. The customer must also have his own car. Kaek's service fee is 2,000 Baht a time.

### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Usually, Kaek will enter chat rooms of various Web sites to look for information about the customers. Then she will choose a potential customer between the age of 20 to 25, tall and slender with good looks, well dressed, who speaks politely and looks clean. The customer must also have his own car. When she feels interested in the customer, she will contact him through e-mail which is given in the announcement. Sometimes she contacts him through telephone. If the first conversation is satisfactory, she will contact him through the phone again. After a few days the customer will make an appointment to meet. When the price is agreed, she will ask for the money in advance then she will go and sleep with the customer. If the customer is choosy, she may not have sex with that customer. Her service charge is 2,000 Baht a time. Most of the customers are businessmen. She earns 10,000 - 20,000 Baht a month from selling sex. The meeting place is usually left to the customer. Sometimes the customer will drive to the hostel to fetch her. Sometimes the customer will ask her to go and wait in the hotel. Kaek never meets her customers in a restaurant or other places because she does not want to waste her time. She sells sex only on an hourly basis.

**Entering the Sex Service:**

Kaek lost her virginity to one of her boyfriends when she studying in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. After two months they went their separate ways. From then on she met many other boys. She gets bored easily, and likes to go out at night. She wants to wear the latest fashions. Her monthly expenses come to about 8,000 -10,000 Baht, but she receives only about 5,000 Baht from home. At first she had no intention of selling sex but as the expenses were high, she asked her friends what jobs were easy and bring in money. Her friends suggested selling sex through the Internet. Therefore, Kaek entered various web sites to see who was looking for sex. She has the intention of stopping but finds that this work is easy and the income is good. She still needs the money for her monthly expenses. She thinks that solving the problem of selling sex must begin with the family. Parents must give love and good care to their children. Another way for solving the problem is for every party to cultivate the habit of saving in the children and youth.

**Third Case study: Ann (a pseudonym)****Personal Background:**

Ann is 20 years old. Her height is 170 cm. She weighs about 45 kg. She is a Chinese Thai with small eyes, long hair and a white complexion. Her birthplace is Nakhon Ratchasima. The family has three children. She is the second. She is at present studying in her second year in a private university in Bangkok. Her present status is single. She lives with her parents. The relationship with her parents is good. She was brought up by her parents giving her everything she asked for. Both her parents are in the construction business. They send her 8,000 - 10,000 Baht a month. But it is never enough for her as she likes to dress well and buy popular brand named goods like her friends. She also likes to go out at night. She meets all sorts of friends, but her close friends are those who also like to go out at night.

### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

As Ann likes to dress according to the latest fashion her monthly allowance is never enough for her. At first she borrowed money from her friends. But her debt increased and she was not able to repay it. Her friends advised her try selling sex. She was not keen to do sex business through an agent. So her friends advised her to use the Internet. She uses her personal computer in the hostel for contacting potential customers. She accesses the Internet every day between 20.00 and 24.00 hours. So it was easy for her to sell sex through the Internet. She usually announces her sex service somewhat ambiguously: "Bored. Need friends to speak with." Ann receives 2,000 Baht a time for sex. Most of her customers are businessmen. Some customers have hired her on monthly basis offering 10,000 Baht per month.

### **Method of Selling Sex:**

To conduct her business, Ann uses an Internet chat program and a mobile phone. When she accesses the Internet she visits various chat rooms, such as Kik (Mistress), New Friends etc. The chat rooms she visits mostly are Kik, Working People, and Looking for MSN Players etc. She leaves messages and her e-mail address there. If there is anybody interested, they will contact her through e-mail. After an initial exchange of messages they will exchange pictures. Then they will discuss and agree on the price. But Ann will sell sex to handsome customers only. She receives about 2,000 Baht a time. The places to meet and sell sex will depend on the agreement of both parties, but mostly it depends on the customer. Some customers will want get to know each other first so they like to have dinner together in a restaurant, go to a movie or go to some entertainment places. Later, they will speak about the price for the sex service. Some customers will ask her to the hotel right away. Regarding going to the meeting place or place for sex sale, there are many methods such as going and returning alone, going alone but letting the customer return her somewhere near the hostel, or letting the customer pick her up and send her back to a place near the hostel. Ann will sell sex only on an hourly basis. She has never spent the whole night with customers. She will also not sell sex to the customer in his own house because she is afraid that the customer's friends will come

in and rape her. She will ask for the service fee before engaging in sex for fear of being cheated.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Ann lost her virginity to a friend at the age of 17. They were together for 2 years and later separated. At present she has boyfriend in the same university but studying in different faculties. Ann likes to go out at night. She has many friends who like her go out at night with them. She likes to dress well. She buys clothes often. The monthly expense is very high, 10,000 – 15,000 Baht a month, but the allowance from home is only about 8,000 Baht. It is for this reason that she entered the sex service through the Internet. She found it is a well paying job. The average monthly income will be around 8,000 -10,000 Baht. She has thought of stopping selling sex, but the expenses have to be met. When the researcher asked her about causes and solutions to the problems of selling sex through the Internet, she said that there are several causes of this problem. There are family problems, husband and wife quarrels, separation, poor economic conditions at home, and extravagant living. Some students buy expensive things to be like their friends and they like to go to night entertainment places, About ways to solve the problem, she said educational institutions, teachers and professors must care for their students and provide special work for students to do to earn extra income. The students also must have esteem for themselves; they don't need to follow the latest fashion.

### **Fourth Case Study: Om (a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background:**

Om is 20 years old. She is tall, about 163 cm. Her weight is about 42 kg. The skin is of yellowish complexion with short hair dyed coco. She wears heavy make up. Her hometown is Saraburi. There are only two children in the family. She is the first. Her sister is studying in Secondary 4 in Saraburi. The parents are merchants with medium financial standing. Om was persuaded to study in Bangkok by her friends. She is studying in a private university in Prachachuen. She lives with her

friends in a hostel near to the university. The rent including water, electricity and the Internet will be 5,000 Baht. Her parents are responsible for this. She receives 8,000 Baht per month from home for both hostel rent and personal expenses. The relationship with her parents is good. But they had no time to spend with Om. She used to go and play in the house of her friends. She seldom stayed home. There was no problem because Om could get along with anybody.

#### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

Om likes to go out with friends, likes to go to the department stores, to Karaoke bars, and other entertainment places. Her personal expenses come to about 12,000 Baht per month. The allowance from home does not cover these expenses. Her friends told her about selling sex through the Internet. When she accesses the Internet she visits various chat rooms, such as Animal Lovers, Single Girls, Lovely Girls, and Sex etc. Om uses the Internet in the Internet café, mostly from 22.00 – 24 .00 hours. One day when she was just chatting in general to someone on the Internet she was asked to provide sex. Om was excited because she knew she would get money easily. Afterwards, she posted messages on various web sites. Her messages gave information about her appearance, age, and proportions. Then she waited for customers to contact her through e-mail. She does not give her telephone number out until a price has been agreed. She sells sex on an hourly basis only. She has 2-3 customers a week. She will demand 2,000 -2,500 Baht per hour. The average monthly income will be around 10,000 -15,000 Baht.

#### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Om announces her personal information like proportion; age etc. in the chat rooms or various web sites. Then she waits for customers to contact her using the set program of MSN hotmail. Sometimes she will use web cam. When it is time to agree on a price, she will give her telephone number to the customer. The price will be agree on before or after having activities together like having dinner, listening to music, going to an entertainment place etc.

If she is not happy with the customer, she may not have sex with that customer. Her customers are both business people and civil servants. The appointment place will, in general, be restaurants. The place for sex will be motels. She will have the customer pick her up and send her back to a place near to the hostel every time. She will not let the customers take her to the hostel for fear of her friends or acquaintances finding out about her secret.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Om had sexual relations with her boyfriend when she was 17 years old. She likes to go out, uses money on luxuries, and has many friends. She came to study in Bangkok because her friends persuaded her. When she found her friends using expensive brand name goods, she wanted the same. Although she got money from the family, it was not enough. She found many of her friends were engaged in selling sex and wanted to try. She found it an easy way of earning money. She got 2,000 Baht every time she slept with the customer. Sometimes some customers gave up to 5,000 Baht. When she got money from selling sex she would go out at night, buy dresses with popular brand names just like her friends did. If there is any money leftover, she might buy a new mobile phone. When the researcher asked her if she had considered stopping this profession, she said actually she does not want to be engaged in this profession, but this is a profession in which it is easy to find money and she is still attached to her friends. She gave her opinion about solving the problem of prostitution that families must give love and warmth to the children; don't bring them up with money; the parents must give a lot of their time to the children, and the state must inculcate in the children good values.

## **Fifth Case Study: Phon (a pseudonym)**

### **Personal Background**

Phon is about 19 years of old and tall, 168 cm. Her weight is about 55 kg. She is rather fat with a white complexion. She has a lovely face, and long hair and is very talkative. Her birthplace is Phisnulok. There are two children in the family. She

is the first. Her parents have been divorced for 2 years. Now she lives with her mother and grandmother. Mother is an employee. The economic condition at home is not so good. At present Phon is single. She came to Bangkok as her friends persuaded her. She is now in her first year of studies in a state university. Mother sends her 2,500 Baht a month for her expenses, but in reality her expenses will come to 7,000 Baht a month. The family relationship is good; there is no problem apart from a shortage of money. Phon could get along with anybody.

### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

Phon did not plan to sell sex through the Internet. But she had sold sex through an agent before this. Phon likes computers. Whenever she is free, she would chat with friends through set programs. She has used almost all programs. Mostly, she will use her personal computer in her room. She usually uses her computer between 19.00 and 21.00 hours. The programs she likes very much and uses often are Pirch, MSN, QQ etc. She usually just talks with others on the Internet. Then someone will invite her to go and sleep with him in exchange for money. At first she did not dare. But as time passed, she began to get used to. Then she tried selling sex through the Internet herself. Phon will introduce herself and talk to the customer by giving him information about herself, her features, age, weight, height etc. She does not choose customers. She sells sex on an hourly basis and overnight, getting 1,500 and 3,500 Baht respectively without counting the fee for the room where the sex takes place.

### **Method of Selling Sex:**

She will begin by announcing personal information like features, age, education, and posting her own picture etc. on the chat page or various web boards. Then she waits for the customer or whoever is interested to contact her through e-mail. Then she chats with him through MSN program. After having chatted enough and feeling close enough, she gives her phone number. She will send a message like "Sell! .Need money for tuition fee." Apart from this, she will use set programs of Pirch, QQ, and the method of random sampling in chat rooms like Lover's room,

Bangkok room, Kik room etc. Through use of these set programs it is not possible for them to see each other. There are many ways of agreeing on the price, the most common are e-mail or mobile phone. She does not like to go out for dinner or other activities with the customer. She will go straight to the place for sex. To get to the place, she will ask the customer to pick her up and send her back in his car. Her customers, mostly, are business people and students. She will get about 8,000 – 10,000 Baht per month as service charge.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Phon lost her virginity to her boyfriend since she was studying in grade 9 in a school in Phitsanulok . She was selling sex through an agent from the time she was a student in grade 10. Friends or senior students found customers for her. She got about 1,000 Baht each time. But she had to pay 500 Baht to the agents. Her family didn't know about this. When she came to study in Bangkok she had many friends. She saw those wearing beautiful clothes, all of very popular brands, and they had beautiful handbags and the latest mobile phones. She wanted to be like them but she didn't have enough money. So she searched for information about selling sex through the Internet and later she tried selling sex through the Internet herself. She was able to earn 8,000 to 10,000 Bath per month from this. When the researcher asked her about ways to prevent sex sale, she answered that it appears rather difficult. Every party concerned must cooperate, whether it is the government, family, educational institutions or the students themselves.

### **Sixth Case Study: Pel (a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background:**

Pel is 19 years old from Kon Kaen. She is of small stature with a height of only 155 cm. She is slender with big eyes, rather dark and dressed very simply. She has a brother studying in primary 4. She lives with her parents. Her father works for a radio station. He is the only breadwinner of the family. Their economic situation is not at all good. She is single now, studying a vocational course in a private institution

in Bangkok. The money she receives from the family is only 2000 Baht, but her expenses come to 6,000 – 8,000 Baht. The family relationship is good. She has all sorts of friends.

### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

She never sold sex before, but she has many expenses like tuition fees and personal expenses to meet every month. She does not want to disturb her family. She heard friends talking about selling sex through the Internet, and they persuaded her to do the same to meet her growing expenses. She sells sex by leaving personal messages in the set programs on the web board. Then, she waits for people to contact her. Mostly, she leaves messages in various chat rooms, viz. looking for New Friends, University Room, Lovely Room, and Bangkok Room. She will use her personal computer in her room and is on the Internet from 19.00 – 21.00 hours. She never chooses customers because she needs a lot of money to meet her monthly expenses. She sells sex both hourly and overnight. Her hourly rate will be 1,500 Baht for 2 hours. She will ask for 3,000 Baht for an overnight service, not including the hotel room fee. She does not receive customers in her hostel or go to the house of the customers because she is afraid the customer may bring his friends. She has read about this in the newspaper and is afraid of it happening to her.

### **Method of Selling Sex:**

She leaves messages about herself like age and proportion on the web board. Then she waits for the customers to contact her through e-mail. Sometimes she will enter chat rooms and on web boards to see if there are any customers. Sometimes she will use the MSN program and Pirc to randomly choose customers and contact them. For some customers she must contact them 1-2 times before agreeing on a price and meeting place. The meeting places are left to her customers and mostly are restaurants near to the hostel or department stores. Usually she will go to the place alone but expects the customers to return her somewhere close to the hostel. Sometimes the customers will pick her up near to the hostel. The place for sex is normally motels. There are times when she goes to ordinary hotels. When the price is

agreed upon, she will request the payment in advance because she is afraid of being cheated after the service. She gets 2 or 3 customers in a week. The total income per month will be around 15,000 Baht.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

She lost her virginity to her boyfriend studying in the same school in Kon Kaen when she was 17 years old. She entered the profession of selling sex through the Internet after being persuaded to do so by her friends, and because she needed money also. She has been selling sex for a year now. But her boyfriend at home does not know about it. She has many kinds of customers like merchants, businessmen, students, civil servants, politicians etc. The largest service fee she got was 5,000 Baht. Sometimes, if they are regular customers, they will buy a mobile phone for her. She uses the money for her personal expenses, but part of it she will send to her family. Speaking of solving the problem of selling sex through the Internet, she said that the educational institutions must find part time jobs for the students, families must give love and warmth to their children, and parents must have time to spend with their children. Part of the problems arises from the students themselves. They must have a strong mind to avoid going along with the present social trend, and not be looking for luxuries. They should save money and not follow friends blindly.

### **Seventh case: Ooi (a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background:**

Ooi is a 19 years old. She is quite tall and slender with a pretty face. Her height is 175 cm and she weighs 45 kg. She has a younger sister. Ooi is studying in her first year for a bachelor's degree in a private university in Bangkok. Her birthplace is Pra Nakorn Si Ayuthaya. She lives in a rented house with her mother and sister. Her father died when she was only 2 years old. Mother works in construction. The economic situation is not good. Ooi had to earn money for her studies and help her family when she was at school. The family sends her no money. On the contrary, she must send money home every month. The family relationship is

good. But she feels pity for herself for being born in a poor family. Ooi could get along with anybody.

#### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

She sells sex through the Internet by herself without passing through agents. She learned about this through friends who sell sex through the Internet. She is not too choosy about customers. Money is all that she wants. She announces or leaves messages about herself in the chat rooms or on web boards and waits for customers to contact her through e-mail or telephone. The chat rooms she uses regularly are Student Sex Workers, Kik, etc. Set programs she likes are Pirch, QQ and MSN. She is on the Internet every day from 20.00 to 22.00 hours. She will sell sex hourly only, no overnight stays. Her rate is 1,500 Baht for two hours. She does not take up overnight jobs because she is afraid of customers calling in their friends, also she feels it wastes a lot of her time. Her customers are mostly civil servants, businessmen and students.

#### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Ooi is studying computer so she uses the computer and accesses the Internet almost every day. Most of the time she searches for academic information. She usually accesses the Internet in the university library or in an internet café because there is no the Internet service in the hostel where she lives. She uses the Pirch program for contacting her customers. When they get to know each other to some extent, she gives her e-mail address to the customer. Then she contacts the customer through MSN again. She likes these programs because they are modern. In the Internet café there are usually cameras enabling her to see the face of the customer. When the price is agreed on, she will make appointment with the customer. Normally, the customer will drive his car to fetch her and send her back. She will not get involved in any activities like going to restaurants or movies because she feels it is a waste of her time. She prefers to go straight to the place of sale. Most of the time, the place will be motels. She will ask for the service fee in advance. Her monthly income is around 6,000- 8,000 Baht.

**Entering the Sex Service:**

Ooi lost her virginity when she was studying in High School to one of her boyfriends. From then on she had many boyfriends with whom she had sexual relations. But their friendship did not last long. When she came to Bangkok to study, she broke with all her former boyfriends. She was disappointed and bored with love. She needed to find money for her studies, her personal expenses and for sending home to help the family. It is for this reason that she entered the sex service because she says the remuneration is high. Her rate is 1,500 Baht a time. For solving the problem of sex service she says that the state must solve economic problems by giving scholarships to students who are good in studies and also poor and families must give love and warmth to their children.

**Eighth Case Study: Fa (a pseudonym)****Personal Background:**

Fa is an 18 years old, well- proportioned girl. Her height is 165 cm and she weighs about 43 kg. Her skin is rather dark and she has long hair. She is the only child in the family, studying for a bachelor's degree in a private university in Bangkok. She is in the second year now. She is a native of Phra Nakhon Si Ayuthaya living with her father and stepmother. The family relationship is not very good, not very warm. Her parents quarrel often. Her stepmother gambles. At present her father sends her 5,000 Baht very month but her expenses come to about 10,000 – 15,000 Baht as she likes to go out every night and meet friends and buy fashionable dresses. She has all sorts of friends.

**Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

For Fa, sex service through the Internet began with browsing through web boards. Her regular sites are Prish, QQ and MSN. Fa began with speaking to male friends. At first she wanted just to speak with friends to get rid of boredom. But she received advice from her web friends that selling sex through the Internet brings in good income. It was just at the time when she lacked money. There was not enough

money for her personal expenses. She likes to go out and she has a lot of friends. At this point she felt interested in the prospect of selling sex through the Internet. Fa will post her personal information in the chat pages. Then she will wait for the customer to contact her through phone or e-mail. She will sell sex only temporarily. She does the selling herself without passing through any agent. She gets 2,000 Baht each time (2 hours) for her service.

### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Fa's sex service begins with entering various Web boards and chat rooms. Mostly, she will enter rooms looking for friends and to chat and exchange pictures and telephone numbers. The chat rooms she uses often are Student Sex Sales, Looking for Friends to Play, Boredom Eradication etc. She will leave messages or announcements like "Sell. Need money urgently. Student in a university at Nongchok. Price can be negotiated. Contact ..." "Urgent need for tuition fee, Lovly face. Contact....." If customers are interested, she will speak to them mostly over the phone. Some customers can reach an agreement after speaking only once. But some customers require contact several times before they agree. She demands 2,000 Baht as service fee for two hours. Her customers mostly are business people. She prefers to go straight to the hotel and is not keen on going for dinner or movies. with customers. She prefers the customer to pick her up and send her back in his car. She will not accept any customer without a private car.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

She lost her virginity when she was studying in a vocational school in her third year. Not long after she broke with that boy. When she moved to Bangkok, her expenses were very high because she has many friends and likes to go out at night and like to buy fashionable clothes etc. Her family sends her money but it does not cover her expenses. She, therefore, started to look for information on selling sex and tried selling sex through the Internet because she found the income was good and there was no risk being arrested. She earns 10,000 – 20,000 Baht per month. She is not choosy about customers. There are both good and bad customers. When the

researcher asked her about ways to stop the Internet prostitution, she said that in order to solve this problem everybody must cooperate. The government must offer scholarships to diligent students with little money, parents must have time to spend with their children and give them love and warmth, educational institutions must campaign and keep a close watch on students who show signs of deviant behaviour. The most important thing is that students must have strong minds and should avoid luxuries.

### **Case Study 9: Dao (a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background:**

Dao is a girl of 20, of small stature. Her height is about 152 cm and she weighs about 40 kg. She is pretty with short hair and a white complexion. She is well dressed and full of self-confidence. On the day the researcher met her she was wearing a very short denim skirt and a one strap blouse. She likes heavy makeup. She comes from Roi. She has two sisters. Dao is the younger. The family relationship is good. She was brought up well in the family. Economic condition of the family is also good. The parents own their business. She is in her second year in a private university. Her parents send her 10,000 Baht every month. But it is not enough for her because she likes to go out at night with her friends to entertainment places and buy expensive brand name clothes and cosmetics. She meets with all kinds of friends. Her close friends like to go out at night and dress well like her.

#### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

As her expense is very high, even the 10,000 Baht sent by her parents is not enough for her. She dresses in expensive clothes and changes her mobile phone often. At first when she was short of money, she borrowed from her friends. But when it was time to repay she did not have enough money. Her friends then advised her to try selling sex through the Internet. At the beginning she visited the Internet chat rooms with her friends helping her. She has been selling sex through the Internet for the last six months. Her rate is 2,000 Baht per two hours. Her customers mostly

are business people. She will leave messages about herself in the chat room. Sometimes she will enter chat rooms and web boards to see if there are any customers. She sells sex through the Internet by herself. She does not spend overnight with her customers. She has a personal computer in her hostel and uses it as a tool of her service. She is on the Internet from 21.00 to 01.00 hours.

#### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Her method begins with talking over the Internet passing the programs of MSN and QQ. At first she will enter the Internet chat rooms like Seeking Friends, Seeking Partners, and Seeking for Kiks etc. She will speak on general matters. If anybody is interested, she will send her picture. Besides that she will announce she is selling sex through chat programs or web boards, stating her age, proportion and place of education. She will have hourly sex only (2 hours) for 2,000 Baht. She will never spend the night with customers because she is afraid for her safety. Her customers must go and pick her up from the hostel and send her back. She will not let the customer take her to the hostel, but to a place quite near, in case her friends find out about this activity.

#### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Dao lost her virginity to one of her boyfriends at school when she was only 17 years old. But after a year they separated. Now she has many boyfriends. Dao likes to go out at night to entertainment places. She has many friends who like to go out at night like her. She likes to dress well. Her personal expenses come to nearly 20,000 Baht a month. But she gets only 10,000 Baht from the family. It is for this reason that she entered the sex service. She found it is a well paying job. She earns around 20,000 Baht a month from prostitution. She has thought of stopping selling sex, but the expenses have to be met. Dao thinks that solving this problem must begin with the student who sells sex. Students must not follow the Western culture, they must have strong will power, they must think of the honour of Thai women. Apart from that the family also is important. Father and mother must give love and

take care of the children. The government can help through enforcing regulations about selling sex through the Internet and cultivating morality in the children.

### **Case Study 10: Nam Khang (a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background:**

Nam Khang is 18 years old, quite tall and slender. Her height is 173 cm and she weighs about 45 kg. She has a good figure with white complexion, lovely face, big eyes and long hair. She comes from Phetchaboon. She has a brother. Her parent is general employees. The economic condition of the family is not good. Nam Khang came to study in Bangkok partly due to her desire and partly as she was persuaded to do so by her friends. She receives 4,000 Baht per month from her parents for hostel and personal expenses. But it is not enough. Her relationship with the family is not good. She has all sorts of friends.

#### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

She does not enjoy going out because she has no money. Her monthly expenses come to nearly 8,000 Baht a month. The money she gets from home is not enough. Her friends advised her to sell sex through the Internet because it is easy to find money and it is not risky. Nam Khang finds customers through the Internet by searching various web sites and talking with her Internet friends about things in general. Some customers ask to buy sex. She thinks it is exciting, well paying and an easy job. After she announces her service and leaves messages about herself on the Web boards and in chat rooms, she waits for customers to contact her through e-mail. She does not have an agent for her business and she offers an hourly service only. She uses the computer in an Internet café near to her hostel for contacting her customers. She is on the Internet from 18.00 to 22.00 hours. She sells sex 2-3 times a week. The money she gets is around 15,000 Baht a month.

### **Method of Selling Sex:**

She mostly uses the computer in the Internet café. She uses the Pirch program for contacting her customers. When they get to know each other to some extent, she gives her e-mail address to the customer. Then she contacts the customer through MSN again. If she finds the customer is interested, she gives him her telephone number. Then they will negotiate the price. It will be 1,500 – 2,000 Baht each time. She always demands the fee in advance in order not to be cheated after having sex. The place for selling sex mostly is motel, sometimes it is ordinary hotel. She will go straight to the place because she does not want to waste her time. She will either go to these places and get back alone or let the customer pick her up and send her back near to her hostel because she is afraid of her friends find out.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Nam Khang had sexual relations with her boyfriend when she was only 17. She did not like to go out with her friends because she had to spend much money. But she was afraid to ask for more money at home. So she decided to find money for herself. She wanted to work part time but could not find any job. Then many of her friends suggested her to try selling sex through the Internet. She tried this and found that it was easy to earn money. She received 1,500 to 2,000 Baht every time for her service. She used this money for education, hostel rent and personal expenses. When she was asked about her opinion about suppressing prostitution, she said that one way is for the government to distribute jobs and income to the upcountry people and support the children who are clever in studies but lack money. Another way is to let them borrow money, more than what they are allowed now. The educational institutions should provide part time jobs for the student.

## **Case Study 11: Paeng (a pseudonym)**

### **Personal Background:**

Paeng is 19 years old. She is stout with a white complexion, a fat face and short hair. She is a native of Ang Thong. She has a brother. She is the first born. Her

father and mother got divorced 4-5 years ago. She is living with her mother and grandmother. Mother is an employee. The family's economic condition is not good. She is single. She came to study in Bangkok because her friends persuaded her to come. Mother gives her 2,500 Baht a month for her personal expenses but actually her expenses come to 7,000 Baht. The family relationship is good. The only problem is money. It is not enough. She can meet any kind of friends.

### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

She previously sold sex through an agent because she wanted to help her family. When Paeng came to Bangkok at first she had no intention of selling sex through the Internet. She likes computers very much. Whenever she is free she will talk with her friends over the computer. Her friends suggested selling sex through the Internet. At first she did not dare. But as time passed, she began to get used to. Mostly she uses the computer at school or in the Internet café. She uses the computer in the Internet café to sell sex. She is on the computer between 18.00 hours and 21.00 hours every day. She is not choosy regarding customers. She sells sex directly without passing through any agent. She undertakes both hourly services and overnight services. Her rate is 1,500 Baht a time (usually two hours). If it is for overnight she will charge 3,000 Baht a time. It does not include the rent of a hotel room.

### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Paeng will use the Pirch program to contact potential customers. If the customer is interested, she will send him her picture and give her e-mail address and telephone number. The chat rooms she uses regularly are Lovely Room, Workers' Room and Bangkok Room. Apart from that, she leaves messages in the chat room or web boards. Then she waits for the customers to contact her. She will write: "Money is needed urgently. Sell. Studying in a university in Rachada. If interested contact..." She uses e-mail and mobile phone. The agreement about the price will be made over the internet or mobile phone. When the price is agreed on, the place to meet will depend on the customer. The meeting places will be restaurants near the

hostel, Internet cafés near the hostel, bus stops in front of department stores. The place to sell sex will be motels, ordinary hotels, or hostels of the customers. Some customers will ask her to meet them first and let her go to the hotel on herself. Some will take her to the hotel after they meet her. Some ask her to go straight to the hotel. She will demand for money before having sex for fear of being cheated. Her customers are merchants, businessmen and students. She earns 10,000 – 15,000 Baht per month from prostitution.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Paeng lost her virginity to her boyfriend when she was studying in grade 9 in Ang Thong. She started selling sex when she was in grade 10 with her friends in the school acting as agents. Then she received 1,000 Baht at time for her service. It was not known to her family. When she came to study in Bangkok she had to find more money for her studies. Then she searched for information about selling sex through the Internet and later started selling sex through the Internet. She is able to earn 10,000- 15,000 Baht a month through this profession. Paeng's suggestion for solving the problem of sex sales through the Internet is that parents must give love and care to their children. Educational institutions also must care for and be interested in the students who are under their care. Apart from that, the students themselves must behave according to good Thai culture and not follow Western culture. The media must restrain from broadcasting news about students selling sex through the Internet as this may set an example to other students.

## **Case Study 12: Pho (a pseudonym)**

### **Personal Background:**

Pho is 19 years old now. She comes from Roi. She is tall and slender with a white complexion, Chinese look and long hair. She has 3 brothers and sisters. She is the third in the family. Her father is the sole breadwinner for the family, working as a general employee. The economic condition at home is not good. She is single now and studying in a vocational school in the third year. She receives 2,000

Baht every month from her family. But her real expenses are around 6,000- 7,000 Baht. Her relationship with her family is good. She can meet any kinds of friends.

#### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

Pho never sold sex before coming to Bangkok. Now she has many expenses like tuition fees and personal expenses to meet every month. She dare not ask for money from home. She heard her friends talking about selling sex through the Internet. Her friends persuaded her to sell sex too. She then tried it by leaving personal messages containing her age, figure, complexion, etc on the web boards. When people contact her, she just talks until they become familiar with her and exchange pictures and phone numbers. She is engaged in direct sales without passing through agents. She offers only an hourly service, no overnight stays. Her usual rate is 2,000 Baht a time (2 hours).

#### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Pho uses many set programs like Pirch, QQ, and MSN etc. She usually leaves personal messages about herself on the Web boards and waits for the customers to contact her. She chats but does not send her picture until the customer agrees to buy sex. Pho usually accesses the Internet in the Internet café. She is usually on the Internet between 19.00 and 21.00 hours every day. Pho is not too choosy about her customers. Some customers have to be contacted several times before the price is agreed, others will agree after only one or two conversations. When the price is agreed they will make appointment to meet in places like restaurants near to the hostel, department stores. The journey to meeting places depends on the customers. Sometimes the customer will pick her up and take her back. Sometimes she will go on her own and the customer will take her back. Sometimes customers take her in their cars. She sells sex 2-3 times a week. She receives around 10,000 Baht a month.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Pho lost her virginity to a school friend when she was only 16 years old and studying in a school in Roi. She started selling sex through the Internet after being persuaded to do so by her friends. She was also in need of money at that time so was easily persuaded. She has been selling sex for one year now. She has many kinds of customers like merchants, businessmen, students, politicians etc. The highest service fee she received at a time was 5,000 Baht. When the researcher asked her for her opinion about measures to curb selling sex over the Internet, she said that the government must give more financial support to students and urgently organize public relations about the evils of selling sex through the Internet.

### **Case Study 13: Tei: (a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background:**

Tei is now 18 years old with a small figure. Her height is about 153 cm and she weighs about 40 kg. She is an only child. She comes from Nonthaburi. Her parents are financially well-off with their own construction company. She was brought up by her parents giving her everything she asked for. Tei is studying in a private university near Chaeng Watthana for her bachelor's degree. She is in her first year now. Her parents send her a lot of money for her personal use. Family relations are good. She has all sorts of friends.

#### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

Tei sells sex through the Internet with help from her friends. At first it was only for the excitement. She did not think about it too much. But she found it was an easy way to make money. She has several friends in this business. Most of them know their friends through the Internet. Mostly, Tei uses the Internet in the hostel to sell sex. She is on the Internet between 20.00 hours and 01.00 hour. She chooses her customers carefully. Her customers must not exceed 25 years of age and must be handsome. She conducts her own business without passing through agents. Usually, Tei will enter chat rooms of various web sites to look for information about the

customers. Then she will choose potential customers and contact him through the programme of MSN which the customer has given or through her mobile phone. Sometimes she will put up announcements in the chat rooms or web boards inviting customers. Then she will wait for the customer to contact her. Sometimes she will choose customers at random for a chat. If the conversation is satisfactory, she will offer sex for sale. She offers hourly and overnight sex. Her rate is 2,000 Baht at a time (2 hours) and 3,500 – 4,000 Baht for the overnight service. She gets about 15,000 to 20,000 Baht every month through selling sex.

### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Tei is a student of marketing who uses the computer every day. Normally, she likes to talk with her friends using set programs. The program she likes most is MSN or hotmail. She announces that she is selling sex in chat rooms or on Web boards. Her announcement is direct, there is no hidden meaning. She will write: “Wants to sell sex. In financial trouble. Not expensive. At present studying at ...” etc. She contacts customers through MSN. If her potential customers have web cam she can send her picture to them. She will leave her picture and mobile phone number for customers. After some preliminary conversation, if she is satisfied and they can agree on a price she will make an appointment to meet the customers. Most of the customers drive their own cars to fetch her in front of the hostels, restaurants etc. They usually use motels.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Tei lost her virginity to one of the senior students when she was in the junior high school. They were together for one year and then separated. Later, she had sex with several of her boyfriends studying in the same level as her. At present she has affair with student at her own institution. Tei likes to spend money. Although she gets 10,000 Baht from home for her personal expenses every month it is never enough. Because she has a lot of friends and like to going out at night and buying famous brand clothes. She got into the sex service through her friends. She is afraid that they will not accept her if she does not sell sex like they do. After a while she

realised it was an easy way to make money. It was also exciting. The researcher asked her for her opinion about controlling the sex service. She replied “The solution to this problem must begin at home. Parents must have time to spend with their children and engage in family activities and don’t bring up the children on money only and letting them do whatever they want. Apart from that, educational institutions must care for the students under their care closely.”

### **Case Study 14: Jane (a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background:**

Jane is 19 years old, tall with a slender figure. She has short hair dyed golden and a white complexion. She is an only child. At present she is in her first year of a bachelor’s degree in a state university in Bangkok. She is a native of Suphanburi. She lives with mother and step-father. Family relationships are not very warm. Her mother is in general employment. Her step-father does not work. Her mother sends her 5,000 Baht every month. But Jane’s expenses come to 8,000 Baht. Jane’s friends are all transvestites. She does not like boys or girls. She says that they are very choosy.

#### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

Jane conducts her own business without an agent. She received advice about this business from Internet friends. They told her that this profession is well paying. It was a time when Jane needed to spend a lot of money. So she became interested in selling sex through the Internet and tried it. The contact with the customers begins with her looking for friends using the Pirch program. Jane will enter various chat rooms at random. She will keep on talking to those friends she meets on the Internet until they are interested in her and ask her for sex. Sometimes she will announce she is selling sex on web boards and wait for customers to contact her.

**Method of Selling Sex:**

Contact with customers begins with her entering the chat rooms with the use of Pirch program and chatting with friends over the Internet. Mostly she will enter rooms like Seeking for Friends, Boredom Eradication, and Partner Search etc. and keep on talking. If the customer happens to be interested, they exchange pictures and phone numbers. Most of her customers will contact her through a mobile phone. Apart from that, Jane also announces she is selling sex on various web boards directly like “Wants money for paying tuition fee. Want to sell sex. If interested contact ...” She receives 1,500 – 2,000 Baht a time. Her customers are mostly business people. After they can agree on a price, she will make an appointment to meet the customers. Sometimes they drive to fetch her and send her back to the hostel. Sometimes she goes to meet the customer in the hotel.

**Entering the Sex Service:**

Jane lost her virginity to one of the senior students in her school when she was a student in the third year of a vocational school. After some time they separated. When she came to study in Bangkok her expenses were high. The money sent by the family was not enough. This is the main reason for her deciding to sell sex through the Internet. She gets 10,000 -12,000 Baht form selling sex a month. She is not choosy about her customers. She meets both good and bad customers. When she was asked for her opinion about controlling the Internet prostitution, she said that everybody must cooperate to solve this problem whether it is the government, the family, the society or the students themselves.

**Case Study 15: Nei (a pseudonym)****Personal Background:**

Nei is 19 yeas old now. She has a stocky build. Her height is 160 cm and she weighs around 48 kg. She comes from Phra Nakorn Sri Ayuthaya. There are two children in the family. She is the second. At present she is a second year student studying for a bachelor’s degree in a private university in Bangkok. She has been

studying in Bangkok for the last two years. She is single. She lives with her father and mother. The family relationship is good. She was well brought up in the family. Their economic condition is also good. Her parents own their own business. The family gives Nei 8,000 Baht every month for her personal expenses, but it is not enough for her. She has a lot of friends and likes to dress up and go out at night. She can meet any kinds of friends. Her close friends are like her as like dress up and go out at night.

### **Form of Selling Sex:**

Although the family gives Nei money for her personal expenses, it is not enough for her as she likes to dress well and buy popular and expensive brands. At first she used to borrow money from her friends and senior students. But at the end nobody wanted to lend to her and they started demanding for her to pay back the money already borrowed. She had no money to pay her debts. Money for personal expenses also was not enough. Her friends advised her to sell sex through the Internet. Then she entered various Web sites and chatted with boyfriends in various chat rooms with her friends advising her how to do it. She has been selling sex through the Internet for the last three months. She sells sex without agents being involved. She never takes overnight clients so usually sex sessions last only 2 hours. The money received is 2,000 Baht a time. Her customers are business people and merchants. Nei is not choosy about her customers.

### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Nei announces that she is selling sex by giving personal information like age, proportions, education, price, and picture. She posts her advertisement in chat rooms or web boards on the Internet. Then the customers who are interested will contact her through e-mail. Nei will use programs for internet talk like MSN and QQ when contacting the prospective customers. She receives 2,000 Baht a time. Sex is conducted in motels but some times she goes to ordinary hotels too. But she will not go to sell sex in the customers' house or room. For travelling to the appointed place

there are several ways: She can go and get back alone; or she go on her own and the customer send her back; or the customer both picks her up and sends her back.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Nei lost her virginity to her boyfriend without realizing it when she was only 16 years old. They stuck together one year and separated. At present she has several boyfriends. Nei likes to go entertainment places at night. She has many friends who do the same. She likes to dress up and buy new outfits often. Her personal expenses for each month come to about 15,000 Baht, but the family sends her only 8,000 Baht. As there was not enough money she chose to sell sex. She receives approximately 10,000 Baht per month from selling sex. She has thought of ending this profession, but she needs the money. When the researcher asked her opinions about curbing the Internet prostitution, she answered that the government must enact stricter laws than at present, give scholarships to students who study well but are poor, schools must campaign to stop the practice, and families must give love and warmth to their children.

### **Case Study 16: Sugus: a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background:**

Sugus is 18 years old with a good figure, white complexion, big eyes and long hair. She is very beautiful and likes heavy make up. She is from Chonburi. Her family has two children. She is the first. Her parents is civil servants falling in the middle income group. She is single. She came to study in Bangkok because she wanted to and her friends also persuaded her to come. Her parents is responsible for her expenses. They send her 5,000 Baht every month as hostel rent and for her personal expenses but it is not enough. The family relationship is good. They have no problems. Her friends are only girls.

### **Form of Selling Sex:**

Her expenses come to nearly 8,000 Baht per month. The money sent from home is not enough but she dare not ask for more. She has tried to do part time jobs. But it was not a success as she had to study at the same time. Therefore, she consulted her friends. They suggested that she sell sex through the Internet because the income is good and there is no risk of being apprehended by the police. Sugus thought over it for several days. Then she tried to search for information about selling sex through the Internet. She searched in many web sites and talked with her "Internet friends". She decided to give it a try. At first she was very excited and the income was good. She sells sex 2-3 times a week, two hours each. Her rate is 2,000 Baht a time. The total income per month is 10,000 -15,000 Baht.

### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Sugus uses the computer mostly in the Internet café for contacting prospective customers. She will announce her service on the web boards and wait for customers to call her. Sometimes she will search for the names of people who want to buy sex and contact them. The programs she uses to contact customers are MSN and QQ etc. Sometimes she contacts them over the phone. Her customers are mostly businessmen and civil servants. She will choose customers with private cars mostly. Some customers will demand meeting her personally. The appointed places will be restaurants, in front of an Internet café, gas stations, department stores, bus stops etc. depend on the customers. Sometimes she will go to meet the customer in a hotel and let him send her back to a place near the hostel; sometimes the customer both will pick her up and bring her back to the hostel. At other times she will go and come back alone.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Sugus never had sexual relations with anybody before entering prostitution. She does not like to go out. Since her friends persuaded her to study in Bangkok, she wanted to try. It was necessary for her to use a lot of money as tuition fees, learning materials and personal expenses. But she was afraid to ask her parents

for more money. She decided to take part time jobs but it was not a success as she had to study hard. Some of her friends advised her to earn money from selling sex through the Internet as it was easy work. She receives 2,000 Baht each time. When she got the money, she used it for studies, hostel rent and for personal use. The researcher asked her opinion about prevention and solution to the problem of Internet prostitution. Her answer was that educational institutions must set aside more welfare funds for students. The state must provide paying part time jobs so that the students can earn some money and study at the same time and also create jobs for the graduates.

### **Case Study 17: Pupae (a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background**

Pupae is 20 years old from Sakonnakhon province. There are 4 children in the family. She is the second. Her parents divorced 4-5 years ago. At present she lives with her father. Her mother has remarried. Her father is a general employee. His economic status is not good. At present she is single. Pupae came to study in Bangkok because her friends persuaded her to do so. Her father sends her 2,500 Baht every month for her personal expenses but the expenses come to 7,000 Baht. She has agreed with her father that she will do part time jobs while studying. Her relation with her father is good. There is only one problem. That is the problem of money. She has all sorts of friends.

#### **Form of Selling Sex:**

Pupae has sold sex passing through an agent from the time she was 17 years old because her economic situation was bad. She had to help out the family. She likes computers very much. Whenever she is free she will talk with her friends over the Internet. Most of the time, she accesses the Internet at school and in the Internet café. She uses the Internet to sell sex. Pupae sells her services herself without passing through an agent. She started selling of sex because her Internet friends suggested to her that selling sex through the Internet is an easy way to make money.

At first she was rather shy. But as time passed, she began to get used to. She is not choosy about her customers. She sells sex on an hourly and overnight basis. Her rate is 1,500 – 2,000 Baht at a time (2 hours) and 3,500 – 4,000 Baht for overnight. She earns about 12,000 – 15,000 Baht a month.

#### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Pupae use the Pirch program to contact prospective customers initially. If a customer is interested, she will give her photo, e-mail address and telephone number. Then she will contact him through telephone or e-mail. When the price is agreed on, it depends on the customer whether he wants to meet her first in a restaurant or department store or let her meet him in the place for having sex, usually a motel. She will mostly ask the customer to pick her up at the hostel and send her back afterwards. Most of her customers are merchants, business people and students. The income from selling sex is about 12,000 – 15,000 Baht per month.

#### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Pupae lost her virginity to her boyfriend when she was in her teens when she was studying in grade 9, and continued in the business passing through her friends in the school as agents. When she was in grade 10 she received 1,000 Baht as service charge. But the family was unaware of her activities. When she arrived in Bangkok; she had to find more money to spend on her studies. Therefore, she tried looking for information on sex sale in the Internet and tried sell sex through the Internet. She can earn about 12,000 – 15,000 Baht a month from this service. When asked about ways to solve the problem of selling sex through the Internet, she said that the government must solve the problem of economy first. There must be additional fund allotted for lending to student and increase the grant given to schools.

### **Case Study 18: Y (a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background:**

Y is 19 years old with a small figure. She is rather dark with thick eye-brows and a lovely face. She is a native of Maha Sarakham. She has three brothers

and sisters. She is the second. She lives with her parents. Her father is a general employee. Her mother does not work. Father is the sole breadwinner. The family's economic situation is not good. At present she is single. She is in her third year of studies in a vocational school in Bangkok. She receives 2,000 Baht a month from the family. But her expense is 6,000 -7,000 Baht. Family relationship is good. She has all kinds of friends.

#### **Form of Selling Sex:**

She had never sold sex before. She has to pay for her studies and personal expenses. But she does not want to disturb her family. She has heard friends talking about selling sex through the Internet. Her friends suggested to her that selling sex was an easy way to make money. Y sells sex directly and through agents. If agents find customers she will have to pay a commission of 500 Baht per person. She leaves her personal message offering sex for sale on the Web boards and waits for customers to contact her. When a customer calls her, she will talk with him and agree on the price. When price is agreed on, they will exchange telephone numbers. Y gets about 1,500 Baht a time for her service.

#### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Y uses the Internet in the Internet café for contacting the customers. She uses many set programs like Pich, QQ and MSN to contact prospective customers. But mostly she uses Pich, by entering and posting her messages on web boards like Looking for Partner, Rest Room/Broken Heart Room, KIK Room etc. When a customer contacts her she will talk with him. She is not choosy about her customers. Some customers have to be contacted several times before the price is agreed, others will agree after only one or two conversations. After agreeing on the price, they will make an appointment to meet. The meeting places are mostly restaurants near her hostel or department stores. The places for selling sex are motels and some times ordinary hotels. She sells sex 2-3 times a week. The monthly income will come to nearly 10,000 -15,000 Baht. She will always ask for the money first before selling sex to avoid being cheated.

### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Y never had sexual relations before. She started selling sex through the Internet after being persuaded to do so by her friends. She needed the money also. She has been selling sex thorough the Internet for a year now. Y has many kinds of customers: merchants, businessmen, students, civil servants and politicians. She uses the money she gets to meet her personal expenses and sends some to her family. To prevent and solve the problem of Internet prostitution Y said that the important thing is that the students must have the habit of saving; not desire luxuries and lead a simple life; they shouldn't be too materialistic. Educational institutions must reduce the conditions for offering scholarships and increase the educational fund.

### **Case Study 19: Prae (a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background:**

Prae is 20 years old. She is an only child with lovely face, big eyes, long hair and white complexion. She likes to dress up. At present she is studying in her second year of an undergraduate course in a private university near Don Meuang in Bangkok. She is single and a native of Pathum Thani. She lives with her parents who owns a construction business. The family economic situation is good. Her parent gives her about 7,000 Baht for her personal expenses. She is rather selfish. The family relationship is good. She meets all sorts of friends.

#### **Form of Selling Sex through the Internet:**

Prae sells sex without any agents. She sells sex only for two hours at a time. She entered this business because her friends urged her to do so. She has a lot of friends selling sex. She was afraid that she wouldn't be accepted in their company if she did not sell sex. At first she did not think much of earning money. She just did it for fun. After some time she found that it is easy to make money this way. She has a lot of friends whom she met through the Internet. She chooses her customers very carefully. Her customers must be young men between the ages of 20 and 25,

handsome, clean and rich. The customers must also have his own car. She will get 2,000 -2,500 Baht as service fee and around 12,000 – 15,000 Baht a month.

#### **Method of Selling Sex:**

Prae is studying administration but she likes computers very much and accesses the Internet every day. She has her own computer in her hostel and uses it regularly to contact customers. She is on the Internet between 19.00 hours and 24.00 hours. Usually she likes to chat to friends using set programs, mostly MSN hotmail. She posts her sales notice on various web boards stating her e-mail address, age, proportions, educational institution, price etc. She will post her picture also in the Internet. After having chatted with a prospective customer, they will make appointment to have sex. Mostly the places chosen will be motels. She will ask the customer to pick her up her in front of the hostel and send her back there.

#### **Entering the Sex Service:**

Prae lost her virginity to a senior student when she was studying in high school. At present, she has boyfriend from the same institution where she is studying. Even though she gets around a 10,000 Baht monthly allowance from home, it is not enough for her personal expenses because she has a lot of friends and she likes to go out at night to entertainment places and likes to buy expensive dresses of famous brands. The reason for her selling sex sale is that she was persuaded to do so by her friends who are selling sex. She afraid that her friends will not accept if she does not sell sex. About prevention and solution to the problem of selling sex through the Internet, she is of the opinion that family love and warmth is the most important thing. Parent must watch their children closely and cultivate in them the habit of saving.

### **Case Study 20: New (a pseudonym)**

#### **Personal Background:**

New is 18 years old coming from Kon Kaen. Her family has 5 children. She is the third. Their parents are civil servants. Her family economic status is middle class. New came to study in Bangkok because she wanted to and her friends also

persuaded her to come. Her parents is responsible for her finance. They send her 8,000 Baht every month for her personal expenses and hostel rent. But that is not enough for New. The family relationship is good. She meets all kinds of friends.

#### **Form of Selling Sex:**

New is attached to friends and likes go out with them. Her expenses are around 12,000 Baht a month. Money sent from her family is not enough. She consulted with her friends and they suggested she sell sex through the Internet because the income was good and it was not risky, either. She, therefore, searched for information about selling sex through the Internet and tried it. She sells directly without any agent. She sells sex only on an hourly basis (2 hours). She sells sex 2-3 times a week. The total income for a month will be 10,000 – 15,000 Baht.

#### **Method of Selling Sex:**

New uses the Internet in the Internet café. She posts an advertisement in the chat rooms and on web boards. Her messages usually have hidden meanings, for example, “Feel bored. Just broke up. Want to speak to nice friends. Contact at...” New also uses the Pich and QQ program to contact customers and leave her e-mail address. After that she will contact them again through MSN or telephone. Her customers are mostly businessmen. There are many forms to agree on prices. Sometimes after looking at the picture, the customer agrees right away. Some customers will want to see the real person before agreeing on the price. Some will agree just in the first chat. If there is appointment to meet, it is mostly in the Internet café, restaurants near the Internet café, restaurants near the hostel, department stores, bus stops etc. The place for sex sale is mostly motels. New will not go to the house or hostel of the customer for fear of meeting his friends and being forced to have group sex. She will demand to be paid in advance of having sex.

#### **Entering the Sex Service:**

New had sexual relations with her boyfriend when she was 16 years old. She is a person who likes to go out but there was never enough money. So she had to find money for herself. Many of her friends who were already selling sex told her to

try selling sex through the Internet. She tried and found it was easy to get money this way. She got paid 2,000 Baht each time. She used that money for her personal expenses and going out at night. New suggested that the media must stop advertising and revealing the sources of selling sex sale through the Internet because it might induce the students to try it.

## **Information on Sex Customers**

### **1. Mr. Man: (a pseudonym)**

Mr. Man is 28 years old and single. He does some part time computer work in a university near the Klong Prapa. His monthly income is 8,000 – 9,000 Baht. He likes computers and he has one at home. But most of the time he will use the Internet at his work place. At present he uses Pirch and MSN for Internet chat every day. The chat rooms he usually uses regularly are Lover, Lovely, Worker, Kik, Single and Sex Seller. He has bought sex through the Internet at the persuasion of his friends on the Internet and in response to the advertisement of sex sellers in various rooms. He has been purchasing sex this way for the last 1-2 years. The place he uses for buying sex service mostly is work place.

### **2. Khun Kheng (a pseudonym)**

Khun Kheng is aged 32 years old and is married with two children and lives in a house with his family. His income is about 50,000 Baht per month. He is working as a computer programmer with a private company on Sathon Road. He has been using the Internet and chat rooms for a long time. The programs he uses regularly are Pirch, mIRC and MSN. Even now he is using these programs for Internet chat. The chat rooms he enters regularly are Lovely Room, Workers and Sex Sellers. At his house there is a private computer connected to the Internet and there is one at his work place. He prefers to use the one at his work for buying sex so his wife will not find out about it. He began using this service some three years ago. He usually looks on web boards where sex sellers advertise their service. He started

using Pirch last year to buy sex. Apart from that, he used to buy sex in brothels and other places and through agents too. He said that it the nature of man to have many partners and he thinks it is a personal right to buy sex through the Internet because it is a free world and there is no risk of police arrests.

### **3. Khun James (a pseudonym)**

Khun James is 24 years old and single. He is an engineer working with a private construction company. His monthly income is 20,000 Baht. At present he is living alone in a hostel behind Ram Kham Haeng University. He started using the Internet about 4 years ago. But he learned to use Internet chat rooms only 3 years ago. Even today he uses the chat program 2-3 times a week chatting for 4-5 hours at a time. The programs he uses most are Pirch and MSN. The chat rooms he enters regularly are Bangkok, Friend of Working Age, Single and Kik. Khun James has his own computer but most of the time he uses the services of an Internet café where is the place for buying sex service. His friends introduced him to the Internet prostitution. Khun James has also bought sex services from brothels and through agents.

### **4. Khun Loh (a pseudonym)**

Khun Loh is 27 years old. His income per month is around 15,000 Baht. He is working in the public relations department of an advertising agency in Bangkok. He is single but has a lover. At present he is staying in a rented house with his friends. He has been using the Internet for 7 years. Initially it was used for searching for information, receiving and sending e-mail and chatting with friends. The set chat program he uses most is MSN. Even now he uses the Internet for no loess than two hours a night. The chat rooms he often visits are Workers and Sex Sellers. He has brought sex service from 3 sources: massage parlours, agents, and the Internet. Khun Loh has a private computer. But most of the time he uses the computer at his work place as it is convenient and nobody at home will know what he uses it for. He is of the opinion that buying sex through the Internet is a personal right although Thai

society considers it wrong and immoral. He thinks that it is a matter between two people. If is satisfactory to both parties, there is no harm done.

#### **5. Khun Pom: (a pseudonym)**

Khun Pom is 30 years old. He has a lover, but they are not married. At present he has his own private business. His income is around 30,000 Baht a month. He lives in a rented apartment alone. Khun Pom learned to use the Internet some 6-7 years ago. He uses Pirch, mIRC, ICQ, MSN, QQ or Yahoo Messenger. He has his own computer notebook and uses it to buy sex. He revealed that he had experience in buying sex in all forms: from massage parlours, Karaoke bars, agents, barber shops, houses and brothels. He has also bought sex through Pirch but now he has stopped using it. When the researcher asked him if he thought it was a personal right to buy sex through the Internet, he said it certainly was, although it appears to be wrong. It does not make trouble for anybody, he stated.

Some customers have to be contacted several times before the price is agreed, others will agree after only one or two conversations. It is not enough for her personal expenses because she has a lot of friends and she likes to go out at night to entertainment places and likes to buy expensive dresses of famous brands. She will enter chat rooms to see who is interested in buying sex. Then she will contact the customer through his e-mail

## **BIOGRAPHY**

**NAME** Pol.Lt.Col. Arun Wanichanun

**DATE OF BIRTH** July 10, 2512

**PLACE OF BIRTH** Province of Bangkok

**INSTITUTES ATTENDED** Police Academy, 2531 – 2535;  
Political Administration Graduate (Police)

Central Michigan University, 2541 – 2543;  
Master of Science in Administration (MSA)

Mahidol University, 2544-2550;  
Doctor of Philosophy  
(Criminology, Justice Administration and Society)

**POSITION & OFFICE** Inspector (Traffic),  
Phranakhon Sri Ayutthaya Police Station  
Phranakhon Sri Ayutthaya Police Station,  
Ayutthaya Provincial Police Division,  
Phranakhon Sri Ayutthaya Province, 13000

**RESIDENCE** 11/87 Soi Chinnaket, 1/29  
Ngamwongwan Road,  
Thoongsonghong, Laksi,  
Metropolitan Bangkok 10210