

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION INTO ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (AEC) : A CASE STUDY OF METROPOLITAN POLICE BUREAU

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ABSTRACT

This research aimed to (1) study the problems encountered by police officers in the Metropolitan Police Bureau during the administration of guidelines for crime prevention and suppression (2) identify the factors contributing to the administration guidelines for crime prevention and suppression and (3) explore administrative guidelines for crime prevention and suppression by the Metropolitan Police Bureau in the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC). The study engaged mixed methods, quantitative and qualitative research. For qualitative research, the individual interview was conducted with 30 samples comprised of high rank police officers who had been assigned to administer the police prevention and suppression policies, including the leaders of communities located within the boundaries of Metropolitan Police Bureau 2,5,6,8. The quantitative research was carried out using 400 Participants selected from a large number of prevention and suppression police officers from the Metropolitan Police Bureau.

The findings indicated that crime problems, particularly, transnational crimes rate would be much higher once Thailand opened her door to the AEC. The Metropolitan Police Bureau must be ready in all aspects to face the problems from administering prevention and suppression policies that arose from the following 3 factors: 1) Man resulted from the shortages of manpower to absorb the heavy workload, so they ended up exhausted from work overload most of times. 2) Materials contained out-of-date technology and 3) Inferior management skills, particularly, among executives and a weak Information Technology System linked to the agency involved. On the contrary, certain factors contributed to the successful operation, namely, 1) Legal factors that should be modified to make it more effective when prosecuting the transnational crime syndicate and 2) Organization which involved identifying organizational strategies, forming executive policies, overseeing personnel readiness, seeking cooperation from external organizations in all sectors, including people's participation, considering as the key elements for the Metropolitan Police Bureau to administer crime prevention and suppression guidelines in AEC. It was suggested that the Metropolitan Police Bureau should give priority to 1) crime prevention 2) crime suppression and 3) personnel development as well as carefully utilize the limited resources, manpower, materials and the allocated budget to ensure the people's life and assets are safe with good management practice.

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