

Thesis Title Attitude and Cognition toward, and, Interest
 in Buddhism of the Youth of the Observation
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Abstract

The objectives of this research are to study the attitude and cognition toward, and, interest in the Doctrine of Buddhism and Buddhist's Ritual Activities of the Juvenile Delinquents of the Observation and Protection Centers in Thailand, and to compare the attitude and cognition toward and interest in Buddhism Between the Juvenile Delinquents and the Non - delinquents (the students). The background of the Samples is the residential province (were divided in to 6 regions of the area of the Observation and Protection Center: Ubolratchatani, Nakornratchasima, Chiangmai, Rayong, Bangkok Metro- polis and Songkla) as indepent variables affecting their attitude and cognition toward and interest in Buddhism.

The samples are the Juvenile Delinquents in the training schools and the Juvenile Delinquents who were adjudicated on probational period of the 6 regions, 300 Juveniles (50 Juvenile Delinquents each) and the Non - delinquents (the Students) of the same region of the Observation and Protection Centers 300 students (50 students each). The data are gathered by questionnaires .

The results are summarized as follow:

The attitude of Buddhism of the Juvenile Delinquents and the Non - delinquents (students) in Thailand have significant difference, the mean of the attitude toward Buddhism of the Juvenile Delinquents are higher negative than the Non-delinquents (students)

The Interest and Cognition of the Doctrine of Buddhism and Buddhist's Ritual Activities of the Juvenile Delinquents and Non- delinquents in Thailand have significant difference, the mean of the total scores of the Interest and Cognition of the Doctrine of Buddhism and Buddhist's Activities of the Juvenile Delinquents.

The positive Attitude toward Buddhism of the Juvenile Delinquents in different regions of Thailand are significantly different

The Negative Attitude toward Buddhism of the Juvenile Delinquents in different regions of Thailand have no difference.

The interest and Cognition of the Doctrine of Buddhism and Buddhist's Ritual Activities of the Juvenile Delinquents in different regions are significantly different.