

**FOREIGN POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS
TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSES OF
MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY**

ABSTRACT

This research was undertaken with the following objectives; a) to study the perceptions of foreign postgraduate students towards the international postgraduate courses of Mahidol University and b) to study the opinions of supervisors towards foreign postgraduate students who graduated from Mahidol University. The sample consisted of 212 foreign postgraduate students who graduated from Mahidol University in 1991-1996 and their supervisors. Two forms of questionnaires were constructed to collect data from foreign postgraduate students who graduated from Mahidol University and their supervisors. The data obtained from the questionnaires were statistically analysed in terms of percentage. The findings can be summarized as follows:

- (1) Lecturers of Mahidol University were found to be friendly with foreign students, highly qualified, well in command of the subjects they teach, helpful and easily accessible to foreign students, have a good understanding of foreign students and come prepared for their teaching.
- (2) Foreign postgraduate students indicated positive perceptions towards course content and subject matters taught, teaching methods and teaching aids, examination papers and examination schedules, laboratory and library services, advice and counselling for academic matters and academic activities of Mahidol University. They also indicated strong agreement that Mahidol University was a great source of knowledge for them and they were also satisfied with the knowledge and skills gained from Mahidol University.

- (3) Supervisors expressed favourable attitude towards foreign postgraduate students who graduated from Mahidol University. The students, after attending Mahidol University, were found to be excellent in all selected traits. Some supervisors expressed that the international postgraduate courses of Mahidol University were very useful to foreign students and help widen their knowledge and skills.

It can be said that foreign postgraduate students expressed positive perceptions towards the international postgraduate courses of Mahidol University and their supervisors expressed positive attitude to them after attending Mahidol University.
