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KESORN CHINDA : DECISION MAKING IN THE TYPE OF
OCCUPATION SELECTION OF STUDENTS IN AGRICULTURE CERTIFICATE
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The objective of this research was to study the decision making and factors related to decision making in selecting the type of occupation of third year students with agriculture certificate level, under the agricultural education reform for a better life project in the northeastern region.

The study group used in the research were 574 third year students with agriculture certificate level under the Agricultural Education Reform For A Better Life Project of the 1999 academic year. The devices used in the data collection included questionnaires designed by the researcher, which were varified for their information and infrastructure. The data was analyzed by SPSS program of Windows version 6.5, whereby percentage statistics were used in calculating the average, standard deviation, the minimum and maximum. Also, statistics were used in analyzing Chi-square in varifying the assumption of the research. The results of the research can be conclusively explained as follows:

The students' decision making process in selecting the type of occupation can be described in sequence as: 1. Continue education, 47.7 percent; 2. Select agricultural occupation and continue education, 20.2 percent; 3. Select an occupation outside agriculture and continue further studies, 15.7 percent; 4. Select occupation as agriculturist 8.9 percent; and 5. Select an occupation outside the agricultural sector; 7.5 percent.

Factors related to decision making of students in selecting the occupation can be categorized as :

1. Expectations in being successful with the occupation is an important factor related to the decision making of the students in selecting the type of occupation. It can be statistically described as significant. (P-Value < 0.05)
2. Expectations of parents towards the occupation of the child is an important factor related to the decision making of the students in selecting the type of occupation. It can be statistically described as significant. (P-Value < 0.05)