

Abstract

Scientific mind for modernization of people in rural area

The objective of this research project is to study the outlook of the Thai people in the rural area. The focus is to find out whether their attitudes and beliefs are oriented toward a scientific logic and reasoning. It is discovered that there exists scientific mind among the people. This is contrary to the hypothesis set forth for the research undertaking. But it is also found that there is a mixture between scientific belief and supernatural power. This probably stems from the pragmatic and practical nature of the Thai who will combine whatever that will benefit them. It is not uncommon that modern medical sciences will be adopted hand in hand with supernatural power by the patients, a testimony to the combination of the two sets of belief in the Thai society.