

Abstract

The study , "The Life of Diaspora : Karrenni Diaspora in Mae Hong Son" aims to understand many aspects of the social worlds of Karrenni Diaspora who stay in a refugee camp in Mae Hong Son.

I start my fieldwork by applying to work as an volunteer with a refugee organization. As an volunteer, I have worked and done for my thesis for 6 months.

The study found that due to the political conflict between the Burmese government and the leader of Karenni state, a number of Karenni people refuge to Thailand. They have settled in refugee camp for almost 10 years. They have desire to go back to their homeland, but they can never do that. It can be said their new settlement is their diasporic community where they have to live among the difference and multi-ethnic-society.

According to the situation, these diasporas have been cultivated the notion of Karenni Nationalism via the education, tradion invention, religion within the refugee camp so as to strengthen the pan-ethnic solidarity and capability for political battle in Burma.

Among the multicultural diasporic community, some of diaporas are dominated and do not feel belong to the diasporic Karenni state. For them, they realize that they cannot go back to their homeland and neither cannot be a part of diaporic community due to the conflict of multiethnic culture.