

Abstract

The Way of Life of Southerners Residing in Bangkok.

The main objective of the study are to study the way of life of the southerners who have migrated and lived in Bangkok. Special emphasis is placed on the economic and social life of the Southerners and the habit of Southerners / the southerners views of others.

To achive the objectives of the study, 204 Southerner living in Bangkok were selected and interviewed with the help of questionnaires. Some in - depth interviews were used to supplement the data obtained from other data collective methods.

Finally the analysis of data was performed. The findings of the study fall under three categories, namely : economic life, Social life and habits of Southerners / the Southerners views of others.

1. In economic life Most Southerners were employees of business companies, had sufficient incomes and had no many problems. In case they had many problems, they would turn to Southerners relatives or friends for help.
2. In social life Most Southerners living in Bangkok had interaction with relatives living in the South of least once a year and had interaction with their relatives in Bangkok at least once a month. They tended to interest with acquaintances and friends, most of whom migrated from the South. When interacting with the Southerners living in Bangkok, they used the Southern dialect. The Southerners had a Southern dish most of their everyday. The Southerners spent most of their free time watching T.V. or listening to the radio. In lag holidays they travelled with their relatives to the up - province for rest and relaxation. The chance to watch their traditional entertainments such as Manohra and

Nung Talung was slim. The Southerner rarely participated in community activities simply because they had no free time. Finally most Southerners hardly voted in any type of election because most of them illegally migrated to Bangkok ; however, they kept themselves well informed about what was going on politically.

3. In the habits of Southerners and the way they look at the Non - Southerners. Most of the Southerners living in Bangkok had a positive appraisal of themselves. That was to say, in their own eye they were characterized by the following : sincerity, justice, unselfishness, love of freedom and fun. Some somewhat negative characteristics of the Southerners are : nepotism, localism (regionalism), outspokenness and too cautions in making friends. As to the Southerners' views of others, most Southerners were more optimistic about other Southerners than pessimistic. For non - Southerners, the Southerners tended to be optimistic and pessimistic to an equal degree. Finally most of the Southerners thought that most of the non - Southerners had a negative view of the Southerners. this implies that Southerners Living in Bangkok have not been fully intergrated into the new community of Bangkok.