



## Thailand Youth Open Space Discussion

# Challenges and Opportunities How to create a brighter future for Thai Youth?

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*The picture of youth loitering around schools, department stores, and other entertainment places is fairly normal for many of us today. On the contrary, the picture of over 100 youth from different places, status, ages, and life styles, from all over the country gathering together to think about “society” is rather uncommon. However, this is what really happened on September 16-17, 2006 in the large sports stadium building of Siam University. This place became an Open Space for youth from various backgrounds to walk around and think about the “society” in which they live in.*

The “Thailand Youth Open Space Discussion” was organized by the World Bank, Siam University, and several other organizations working with youth, to discuss the main theme of **“Challenges and Opportunities - How to create a brighter future for Thai Youth?”**

Mr. Piyabhut Chowicharn, Deputy Minister of Education and Chairman of the opening ceremony, stated his two major concerns regarding youth, which included “Knowledge and Skills” and “The Morals and Ethic Behavior of Youth.” Youth in the globalization era need to be equipped with modern knowledge and skills that are on par with those of other countries. Such knowledge and skills involve language, technology and vision to embrace future employment. At the same time, it is also necessary to have morals, ethics, as well as to maintain the value of Thai traditions.

“The Thailand Youth Open Space Discussion provides youth with the opportunity to participate in their own society, as well as social development which will be their responsibility in the future. Therefore, I would like everyone today to voice their unbiased opinion and concerns regarding socio-economic and political development issues in Thailand, as well as other areas of interest. With many social problems present in today’s Thai society, it is necessary for Thai Youth to be equipped with the proper skills and knowledge to survive and live well in society.”

Mr. Christopher Thomas, Work Bank Manager for the Human Development Sector in the East Asia and Pacific Region, said that: “There are more than 400 million young people in East Asia and the Pacific. These youth will be affected by whatever happens today. We would like to know what they are thinking about, how they feel, and what resolutions they would like to happen. Thailand is the 5<sup>th</sup> organizer of the Youth Open Space event. We also wish to weave the perspectives obtained from the youth into the Bank’s analytical work, so that we will be able to further provide support to youth in Thailand.”

Mr. Pornchai Mongkonvanit, President of Siam University gave a warm welcome to the young participants by saying that, “This is a good opportunity for us to listen to the voice of the new generation who will play future roles in Thailand and in this world. In most cases, the adults will tell the youth what and how they should be doing things, whether it is in social, economic, environmental, or cultural aspects. However, young people are also members of the society, so we would like to know what they are thinking right now.”

According to the speech of Prof. Kamol Torngtamathart, former Chief of Constitutional Court, “Thailand is currently facing several social, economic, cultural and environmental crises. In particular, political issues are now a major concern of our society. What do youth think about all of these issues? I think this is very important and challenging to talk about all of these concerns which affect Thailand, and I will be delighted to hear the voice of these young people.”

After the opening ceremony, all of the young people enjoyed recreational activities. Afterwards they were provided with a challenging question, **“What are your dreams concerning today’s society?”** This question encouraged the young participants to ponder about their own future and the society they live in.

This question resulted in a wide range of challenging answers. There were simple answers such as dreaming to have a job to avoid being a social burden, to be a soldier to help protect the country, as well as the more complicated ones such as to revive Thai culture, to eliminate poverty, to have good environment, to promote educational and economic development, and to have a democratic society.

The discussion was categorized by 6 major issues: education, social, economic, unity in the nation, environment, drugs, and HIV/AIDS. All the young participants were involved in presenting the total of 73 issues, 48 of which were discussed. The dialogue was then divided into 4 sessions. Each session addressed approximately 12 issues and was given approximately 90 minutes. The discussions, led by youth who made a presentation on “The Dream about Our Society,” included young people who were interested in the same issue. The main purpose of these discussions was to find the causes of problems and identify possible solutions. Those who were interested in several issues had to arrange their time properly in order to be able to join other groups.

The ideas were exchanged in a dynamic and friendly atmosphere. Participation in finding solutions enhanced friendship among the youth and enabled them to be open-minded towards the opinions of others.

Ms. Sasitorn Lamya, a third year student of the Faculty of Tourism, Rajabhat University, Phuket, stated that her dream about the society was the disappearance of “poverty” and “drug”. Her community in Krabi province is currently threatened by these two problems, resulting in suffering of the people. Adults are trapped in poverty, while children are addicted to drugs. Therefore, these are major problems that should be resolved.

When being asked how she felt about participating in such an event as the Youth Open Space, Sasitorn said, “I am pleased to join this event. I have been through several discussions

and meetings, but in this event, I have a chance to meet a large number of friends who come from different backgrounds. Besides, the small group discussion allows us to find new interesting perspectives and solutions.”

At the end of the discussion, the vote was held for the issues that the youth needed to proceed with. The following 10 issues were selected: education; politics (such as morals of the leader); addiction (such as addiction to on-line games); unity of the nation; youth development; social equality, poverty reduction, and sufficient economy; morals and ethics in Thai society; environment; conservation of culture and tradition; and HIV/AIDS.

In the future, the results from this event will be incorporated into the outcomes report of the Open Space Discussions in the East Asia and Pacific Region. This region includes Thailand, Singapore, Papua New Guinea, Timor Lest, the Philippines, Mongolia, Lao PDR, and Cambodia. The report will be finalized by November 2006. Subsequently, a teleconference will be held among all participating countries. All the young delegates who have participated in the previous discussions, as well as other collaborative organizations will be invited to this conference to help make the youths’ dreams a reality.

Additionally, at the country level, the World Bank hopes to weave some of the first hand accounts obtained during the Youth Open Space into its analytical work. At the organization level, the results of the Open Space will be incorporated into the database of the World Bank Youth Club and its partners.

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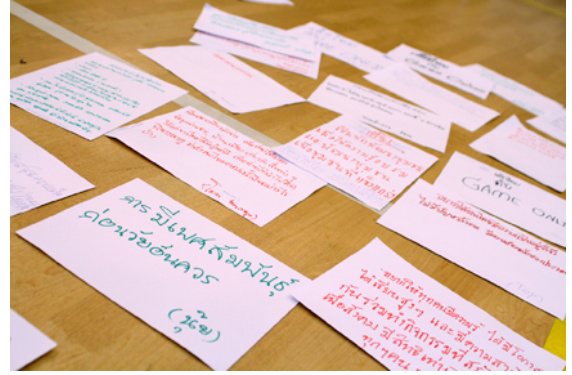
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### Group Picture





Youth - Brainstorming for ideas



Youth voicing their opinions



Youth Volunteers working hard





## **Thailand Youth Open Space Discussion**

16-17 September 2006 at Siam University, Bangkok

### **PROGRAM**

#### **15/9/06 (Friday):**

08.00 – 16.00 Youths from other provinces travel to Bangkok  
16.00 – 19.00 arrive to hotel

#### **16/9/06 (Saturday):**

08.30 – 10.00 Registration at Siam University's Conference Room  
10.00 – 10.30 Welcome and Opening Remark (WB + Siam U.)  
10.30 – 11.00 Introduction to the Open Space Discussion  
11.00 – 12.30 Create the Agenda  
12.30 – 13.30 Lunch  
13.30 – 15.00 Session I  
15.00 – 15.30 Break + Computer work  
15.30 – 17.00 Session II  
17.00 – 17.30 Break + Computer work  
17.30 – 18.30 Dinner

#### **17/9/06 (Sunday):**

08.30 – 09.00 Morning News  
09.00 – 10.30 Session III  
10.30 – 11.00 Break + Computer work  
11.00 – 12.30 Session IV  
12.30 – 13.30 Lunch + Computer work  
13.30 – 14.30 Special Discussion Forum  
14.30 – 15.00 Wrap-Up

#### **18/9/06 (Monday):**

08.00 Youth from other provinces leave from Bangkok

## List of Youth Participants

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# **45 TOPICS RAISED AND EXPLORED**

## **EDUCATION:**

- ❖ **Equal Opportunities in Education**  
Bongkhot Hunworawong from Mahidol Vitayanusorn School
- ❖ **Lack of Opportunity in Education**  
Puttigun Pongcharoen, Mahidol Wittayanusorn
- ❖ **Educational Reform**  
Supa-us Tapaneeyakorn, Vajiravudh College

## **POLITICAL/CONFLIC/INTRIGRITY:**

- ❖ **Conflicts in the South**  
Annat Ratchakorn/ Siam Commercial Business School
- ❖ **Train the Military for National Security**  
Chumphon Pijarnson from Vajiravudh College
- ❖ **Political Conflicts in Thailand**  
Mana Thangpichetchot
- ❖ **Strengthen the Power and Rights of People in our Democratic System**  
Natee Anansiriwut from Siam University
- ❖ **Raise the Salary of Government Officers**  
Wimonpun Wiboonma from Thammasart University

## **DRUGS**

- ❖ **Drugs and Gambling among Thai Youths**  
Artitayakorn Jabthaisong /PDA-Phutthaisong-Burirum
- ❖ **Awareness of the Internet**  
Art and Soraya
- ❖ **Online Video Games and Thai Youths**  
Tai Nonsi School and Nat from Siam Turakij Collage
- ❖ **Globalization and Materialism - Main Problem of Thai Youths**  
Oranit Atchararit from Kasetsart University

## **SOCIAL VALUE / HUMAN DEVELOPMENT / FAMILY**

- ❖ **The Impact of Divorces on Thai Society**  
Purida Damsena Thanawat
- ❖ **Preservation of Thai Culture, Tradition and Local Wisdom**  
Suntorn Sibtas from Buri Rum province
- ❖ **A Happy Society Begins with a Healthy / Happy Family Life**  
Ugrit Wanakosum from Vajiravudh College
- ❖ **The Deterioration of Thai Culture**  
Yossanan Satgaiyen from Nontseewittaya School
- ❖ **Sustainable and Human Development**  
Pravit Pantagrud from Watsuthiwararam School

## **HEALTH / HIV-AIDS**

- ❖ **Students' Cohabitation Problem**  
Thitima Pochompoo
- ❖ **Improving Sports for Thai people**  
Chumphon Pijarnson/ Vajiravudh College
- ❖ **Engaging in Pre-Mature Sexual Behavior**  
Lah from Krabi and Nui from Karnjanaburi province
- ❖ **HIV/AIDS among Young People**  
Ning, Pung, June, and Bird

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

- ❖ **Building Juvenile Centers**  
Attaphol Mumi from Mahasarakam province
- ❖ **Supporting the Dreams of Thai Youths**  
Kajornvut Ounjai, Watsutthiwararam School, Apichai Boonmatep, Lampang province, Wilaiwan Bureekaew, Chiang Rai province, Kajornvut Ounjai, Watsutthiwararam School
- ❖ **Youth are a Vital Part of Thailand's Population**  
Phairote Yaowamarn, Mahasarakam province

## **ECONOMICS**

- ❖ **Fighting Poverty**  
Guide, Gun, Fern
- ❖ **Inequality and Development in Thailand**  
Vimolpan Viboonmar, Duangporn Darongsuwan, Klitsana Thanawatpaiboon, Niti Vimolpan
- ❖ **Unequal Development in Transportation Systems (Air-Transport)**  
Jitprateep Sunnikorn and Thidamon Pimpachai
- ❖ **Improving Thai Living Conditions**  
Koravin Sriniratsai, Vajiravudh College; and Somchai Zaewang, Watsutthiwararam School
- ❖ **Stability of Oil Prices**  
Pornapat Suwannarat, Kasetsart University
- ❖ **How to Get a Job after Graduating from School**  
Pumivat Sakadklang, Buri Rum province

## **ENVIRONMENT**

- ❖ **Pollution in Bangkok**  
Anuson Lakornthip (Aun), Mahasarakarm province
- ❖ **Sustainable Conservation of Nature and the Environment in Thailand**  
Supotjane Uerchalitnukul, Bangkok University

## **UNITY OF OUR NATION**

- ❖ **Live and Learn from our King**  
Chintongperm Chutivongsakul from Chulalongkorn University
- ❖ **Harmony and Peace in our Society**  
Orathai Rattanajaring, Mahasarakam province, Chantich Kaewmano, Nongkai province

## **34 TOPICS RAISED BUT NOT EXPLORED**

- ❖ **Environmental problems resulting from the Government's neglect to enforce the EV Laws seriously.**  
Patcharaporn Panomwan
- ❖ **Too many nightclubs and pubs are located near educational institutions.**  
Kiti Aiemchao
- ❖ **Intellectual property rights: CD / VCDs.**  
June (WBYC)
- ❖ **Quality and freedom of the Thai media.**  
Vimonpan (WBYC)
- ❖ **Strengthening the Community.**  
Sithichai Tiemaem, Poo (Siam University)
- ❖ **Supporting the education of children in rural areas with instruments such as scholarships.**  
Patchara Sonsa (PDA Mahasarakarm), Jitwadee Ponaiem, Panumas (MWIT), Duangporn Darongsuwan, Prakarn (Nonkai)

- ❖ **The declining morals of Thai society.**  
Panatda (Siam University)
- ❖ **The sufficiency economy.**  
Mookarin Wangpoh (Lamparng), Sarinya Boodkwan
- ❖ **The changing roles and attitude of Thai women.**  
Poo
- ❖ **The consideration of cultural values among Thai youths.**  
Tawatchai (Lampang)
- ❖ **Problem of materialism.**  
Panupong (Lumparng)
- ❖ **The entrance examination (Admissions System).**  
Supatt Tapaneeyatorn (Vajiravut School)
- ❖ **Improving the curriculum of economic and political science education programs.**  
Patcharaporn Panomwan
- ❖ **More must be done to conserve the environment.**  
(*Supot*)
- ❖ **Thai youth should be more involved and concerned about nature and the environment.**  
*Chalermphon, Chai, Yam*
- ❖ **Deforestation must be reduced (dramatically).**  
*Paweenaa*
- ❖ **Increasing basic living standards and developing a better social welfare system.**  
*Chalermphon*
- ❖ **Improving the quality of life, the economy and technology, along with the environment.**  
*Paanit, Korawin*
- ❖ **Improving the lifestyle of Thai people.**  
*Kan*
- ❖ **Promoting individual thought and creative thinking.**  
*Puiy*
- ❖ **Supporting the dreams and aspirations of youth in Thailand.**  
*Kajornwut*
- ❖ **Youth should be encouraged to speak out.**  
*Anek, Montira*
- ❖ **There should be more job opportunities for university graduates.**  
*Tah*
- ❖ **Reduce the gap between rural and urban education standards.**  
*Khiti*
- ❖ **Education should focus on subjects that are relevant / useful to Thai youths.**
- ❖ **The morality of Leaders in our country.**  
Prayoon Booppa
- ❖ **Problems related to pornography on the internet.**  
Gawalee
- ❖ **The influence of the media on youth and morality of Thai citizens.**  
Art from Karnchanaburi Rajabat University
- ❖ **Lack of consideration on ethics displayed in the media.**  
Soraya
- ❖ **Lack of participation from Thai people in our democratic political system.**  
Natee
- ❖ **Trade deficit due to the low productivity of labor.**  
Suchaya from Triamudom School
- ❖ **The spread of HIV/AIDS due to lack of knowledge and misunderstandings among Thai people.**  
Jet WBYC
- ❖ **Inequality of income distribution in Thailand.**  
Doungporn Darongsuwan, Niti Wimonpun, Kritsana Thanawatphaiboon

- ❖ **The obstruction of country development projects due to political conflicts.**  
Mareeya, GMS Youth Forum

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

## **TOPIC: Equal Opportunities in Education**

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Bongkhot Hunworawong, Thawan Patcharaprakiti, Kanokwan Srikongtan

## **PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Phanuwat
2. Somkhuan
3. Chunthicha
4. Kittipong
5. Puttigun
6. Waraporn

## **ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- ❖ The media is inefficient.
- ❖ Inequality in the education system.
- ❖ Inefficiency in the basic education system (especially in primary schools).
- ❖ Neglect to widely disseminate information across the country – especially in rural areas.
- ❖ Students value institutions only by their image.
- ❖ Tutoring and extra schooling demanded and needed.
- ❖ Developments are only focused on materialistic rather than personal needs.

## **ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- ❖ Improve basic education.
- ❖ Increase the availability of scholarships to those who really need them.
- ❖ Improve the quality of staff working in education, and make sure they work in rural areas as well as urban.
- ❖ Increase government spending on education.
- ❖ Make sure all institutions have access to the improved and higher quality curriculums.
- ❖ Expand the use technology in teaching activities.

The Government may apply the project called “1 District 1 Scholarship (ODOS)” to “1 Tambon 1 Scholarship” by reducing the amount of money used, and at the same time increase the number of scholarships available, and develop a more controlled and efficient system which will not distribute scholarships based on favoritism.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Lack of Opportunity in Education

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Puttigon Pongcharoen, Mahidol Wittayanusorn

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Ning
2. Pib
3. Bee
4. Fon
5. Dong
6. Pang
7. Tum
8. Ben
9. A.

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- ❖ Poverty: not enough money for parents to send their children to school.
- ❖ Disparity between urban and rural education standards.
- ❖ Outdated textbooks and insufficient school supplies.
- ❖ Due to the poor quality of education, students are often forced to study after school with the help of tutors to keep up with the work.
- ❖ Students will choose to study at a specific university only because it has a good reputation, instead of going to the institution which offers the program they are interested in studying.
- ❖ Entrance examinations are below standard.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- ❖ The Government must invest and provide more money, time and well trained teachers and personnel to schools all over the country to provide and improve educational opportunities for the poor.
- ❖ The Government should give annual scholarships to those who can maintain a good GPA.
- ❖ Teachers need better training opportunities.
- ❖ People are discouraged to enter the teaching profession because they will receive low salaries.
- ❖ All schools, including primary and secondary institutions, should change provide more classes in English.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Educational Reform

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Supa-us, Chawin , Wasittee , Krit, Chachanon, Patcharapong

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Khunkhao
2. Purida
3. Now
4. Prakorn

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Children depend on tutoring to keep up with school.
- Students do not take enough initiative or engage in critical and creative thinking.
- The entrance system is inefficient.
- Government budget isn't being used effectively and allocated to the geographic areas and schools that need more funding.
- Educational issues are constantly connected to or drowned by political agendas.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Use the budget more wisely and effectively properly train teachers, and develop an effective and relevant school curriculum.
- Set up an independent committee to replace the current monopolizing ministries.
- Increase teacher's salary and benefits.
- Standardize the education system as to ensure all children receive good quality education.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Conflicts in the South

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Amnat Ratchakorn / Siam Commercial Business School

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Khunkao Benjarabutra
2. Chananon Limthong
3. Krit Leenanon

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Religious problems, separatists, communism.
- The continuous deterioration of Thai society due to misunderstandings and unsolved problems from the past.
- Inequality in central Government's ruling practices.
- Majority of the people are Muslims, who in general are very strict and very devoted to their religion.
- Drug problems and the presence of corrupt police and military officers.
- Support from unknown groups in and outside of the country.
- Bad influence of religious leaders who have the ability and power to brainwash the un-educated people and convince them to sacrifice their lives for the sake of religion.
- Media monopoly.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Change to a new government who will be more tolerant and effective in solving problems, especially since the current one doesn't seem to care very much about these issues.
- Need to learn more about the historical background and fundamental beliefs of the Muslim religion.
- Educate the public on what Muslim religion is all about.
- Understand what the causes of the current conflicts are, and identify how to address them.
- Need to cooperate with the religious leaders, and find a representative which can effectively diagnose the causes of current issues.

# **SESSION OUTCOME**

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Develop a Better Military Force for National Security

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Chumphon Pijarnson from Vajiravudh College

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Khunkao Benjarabutra
2. Chananon Limthong

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Terrorism is a crucial issue in today's society.
- The terrorists have improved their methods, and know how to surprise their victims.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- The Government should provide more training opportunities for army officers.
- We should develop better weapons, and use technology to improve our defense supply in the interest of national security.
- Civil service officers working in difficult areas should take self-defense classes.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC: Political Conflicts in Thailand**

**SESSION INITIATOR: Mana Thangpichetchot**

**PARTICIPANTS: Poonarat Kitkamonwat**

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- The voting system should be re-established.
- Corruption in the system.
- Political instability across the country.
- Political corruption and unclear relationships with the media and NGOs.
- Political retaliation.
- Tension among people within the same country.
- Unfair privileges for advantaged and elite groups.
- Use the law as a tool to promote equity and fair treatment.
- The tendency of opposition teams to create rumors about each other.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Politicians should work for the sake of the nation rather than for themselves.
- Balance the political powers.
- Increase the quality of education so as to increase the quality of the people.
- Encourage compromising as a way to solving issues.
- Promote freedom of the media without government interference.

# **SESSION OUTCOME**

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC: Strengthen Power and Rights of People in our Democratic System**

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Natee Anansiriwut from Siam University

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Chawin tanasakgosol
2. Orratai Rattanasarung
3. Anusorn Lakornthip
4. Kirapoom Simasingh
5. Auttawat Kots-ooppara

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- People lack knowledge on their rights and how to enforce them.
- Lack of enthusiasm in being a good civil servant.
- People only think about their own issues and business.
- People do not enforce or use their rights; there is a lack of initiative.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Increase Thai people's values in terms of nationalism.
- Develop basic knowledge of democracy and personal rights among the Thai people.
- Empower people's organizations to parallel Government authority.
- Encourage participation youth in democratic activities.
- Engage in political reforms to re-establish and diminish the power of politicians, and encourage people to use their rights for the sake of Thailand's development.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Raise the Salary of Government Officers

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Wimonpun Wiboonma from Thammasart University

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Oranich
2. Pol
3. Joe
4. Boat

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Too many taxes to pay.
- Corruption
- They are too conservative and still see things the old way, hence there is no salary revision.
- Bribery
- Standard of Thai study is too old.
- Not many people want to be a teacher since the salary is not high enough.
- People with low entrance scores choose to study in Education.
- Social welfare is too high, and therefore has a negative impact on salary.
- The status of Government officers' has decreased, and hence has had a negative impact on salary.
- There are too many after - school tutorial services which in the end, has caused teachers to leave their schools and become tutors where they receive a higher salary.

**Action Outcomes:**

- Educate the public, and enforce the idea that being a government officer is a noble job.
- Make sure individuals are not getting a job just because they have good connections.
- Build up the relationship between civil servants and government officers.
- Make changes in the bonus system.
- Convert the government system to semi-state enterprise.
- Government officers with outstanding performance records should be rewarded through a voting system.
- Let government officers take part in share holding.
- Standardize the government system.
- Improve the management of human resources.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Drug and Gambling among Thai Youth

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Artitayakorn Jabthaisong /PDA-Phutthaisong-Burirum

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Titima Pochompoo
2. Juralux Moonkaew
3. Sudaporn Jina
4. Ukrit Vanagosoom
5. Korawin, Sriniratsai
6. Dissatat Kanokrangsri

**BACKGROUND:**

- Broken families
- Influenced by their peers
- Want to try something new
- Poorly-educated
- Poverty
- Too much free time

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Encourage and advocate for the need of family values, warmth, and love – strong households.
- Choose decent people to be your friends.
- Educate children to ensure they are able to differentiate between right and wrong.
- Set up an effective information campaign to talk about the negative effects of using drugs that will reach all of Thai society.
- Organize an exhibition on the usage of drugs and its impact on the human body.
- Encourage activities such as reading.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Awareness of the Internet

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Art and Soraya

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Ja
2. Nui
3. Tag
4. Pee
5. Poo
6. Pum
7. Yiam
8. Air
9. Ta
10. Ma
11. Na
12. Umm
13. Lane
14. Nong
15. Meau
16. Ning

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Unable to control the internet and media
- There are too many inappropriate websites
- Carelessness of parents
- Inappropriate use of the internet which lead youth to develop negative ideas
- The government is not strict enough on this issue.
- Youth are not well informed on the consequences of making bad use of the internet.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- The Government has to enforce severe punishment against offenders.
- Control the opening and closing time of internet cafes.
- Educate youth to ensure they can identify the difference between right and wrong.
- Parents should advise their children how to use the internet, and should supervise them.
- Enforce laws against those who put pornographic material on the internet.
- Encourage youth to spend their time in more appropriate and effective ways.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Online Video Games and Thai Youths

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Tai from Nonsi School, and Nat from Siam Turakij

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Loh
2. Tam
3. Naj
4. Nui
5. Oh

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Students often skip classes.
- Young children steal things to then sell them in the street, and get money to play games.
- Abuse of the internet
- Some games are improper for youth
- Chatting on internet is being used in the wrong way
- Playing video games is a waste of money

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Children should follow guidelines when playing video games.
- Children should learn how to make good use of the internet.
- Educate the public on the pros and cons of playing video games.
- Parents should take computers out of children's rooms.
- There should be a clear-cut video games rating system.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC: Globalization and Materialism - Main Problem of Thai Youths**

**SESSION INITIATOR: Oranit Atchararit from Kasetsart University**

## **PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Supoj
2. Pornnapas
3. Chatkaew
4. Duangrat

## **ISSUES IDENTIFIED**

- Imitating the images they see on internet, some people choose to sell their sexual pictures in exchange for money or to refill their telephone cards. Some also do it because they want to attract social attention. As a result, this action leads to pre-marital sex and further influences the young person that having sex at a very young age is a normal thing.

- Drug abuse among adolescents, especially those who came from broken families. These children are also influenced by their friends and get in the bad habit of using narcotics to escape their problems.

## **ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Launch an information campaign to educate youth on how to use the internet in appropriate ways. There should be a system to limit the number of pop-up pornographic websites. There should also be a hacker in each computer so that parents are able to monitor the websites their children visited.

- Analyze and adapt some of the measures used by Western cultures, and use these methods in addition to the ones adopted by the Thai culture.

- Use the media as a tool to educate and help those who are likely or at risk of using drugs, as well as provide knowledgeable facts about the negative impacts of using drugs.

- Improve the situation in risky areas to decrease the use and trafficking of drugs.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC: The Impact of Divorces on Thai Society**

**SESSION INITIATOR: Purida DamsenaThanawat**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Purida DamsenaThanawat
2. Thitima Pohchompoo
3. Athitayaporn Jabthaisong
4. Prani Thongsook
5. Keerati Ditprasong

**BACKGROUND:**

1. Neglect to stress the important and positive factors of being married.
2. Lack of maturity
3. No one cares about each other.
4. Impatient

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

1. Be prepared to have and take new responsibilities which are part of married life.
2. Be patient.
3. Be reasonable, tolerant and forgiving.
4. Carefully think about having children, and think about how it would affect them if you got divorced.
5. Be sincere.
6. Be able to make compromises.

# **SESSION OUTCOME**

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC: Preservation of Thai Culture, Tradition and Local Wisdom**

**SESSION INITIATOR: Suntorn Sibtas from Buri Rum**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Ning
2. Chin

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- ❖ Thai culture should be passed on and taught to the next generation, but not just through documents, but through interactive activities as well.
- ❖ Young people disregard or are not interested in Thai culture, tradition and local expertise.
- ❖ The rapid change in Thai society has led to a decrease and lack of knowledge among youth of Thai culture, tradition and local expertise.
- ❖ This rapid change has also led to a change in social values; youth are very materialistic.
- ❖ Lack of culture, tradition and local expertise in big cities

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- ❖ Develop and disseminate education materials which promote and explain what local Thai culture is all about, teaching important traditions to young people across the country.
- ❖ Raise awareness of, and understanding about local Thai culture, tradition and local expertise to communities by disseminating information through different channels such as the media and local schools.
- ❖ Integrate traditional ways of life with modern methods.
- ❖ Get rid of bad social values such as materialism.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** A Happy Society Begins with a Healthy / Happy Family Life

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Ugrit Wanakosum from Vajiravuth College

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Khunkao Kajornbutr
2. Krit Leenanon
3. Chachananon Limthong
4. Disatas Kanokrangsi

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

“Society” can be defined as a cluster of individuals which consists of families, and small groups of people who interact with one another. Fundamentally, a strong society is made up of strong families. Solving small problems will lead to the eradication of big problems. Although it is not always easy, the consequences of leaving problems unidentified and dealt with are far greater than the cost of trying to find solutions. To put it simply, effectively addressing the source of problems and understanding the causes is far better than avoiding having to deal with any sort of public.

**“Happiness in society is proportionally related to happiness within the family.”**

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

**“Understanding”** means being able to accept each other’s point of view and being more opening mind.

**“Raising awareness of issues and responsibilities within the family”** means family members are aware of their duties, and as a result help create a harmonious environment for everyone in the family.

**“Warmth”** is another important factor that every family member should give and receive from each other.

**“Sufficiency”** is the final factor that everybody needs to understand and accept in order to create a healthy environment within the family and not ask for more.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** The Deterioration of Thai Culture

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Yossanan Satgaiyen from Nontseewittaya School

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Wallop Phubanchuen
2. Jeera Uthirum
3. Paweena Thipnangrong
4. Phumwat Sakadklang
5. Tanatat Rangpong

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- ❖ Pre-marital sex and sexual harassment
- ❖ Lack of critical and analytical thinking
- ❖ Do not realize the importance of social values or have morals
- ❖ Obtain too many wrong values
- ❖ Alcoholic Problems and drug abuse

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- ❖ Raise awareness among youths about the problems of engaging in sexual activity at a young age, and teach them to treat others with respect and dignity.
- ❖ Have a better understanding about the role of the media.
- ❖ Parents must be good role models for their children in terms of showing them the importance of preserving the good values of Thai society.
- ❖ Live a simple life.

# **SESSION OUTCOME**

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC: Sustainable and Human Development**

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Pravit Pantagrud from Watsuthiwararam School

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Tangsuk Tangtemchareon
2. Jednipat Sudtaprasit
3. Panupong Pichedsiriporn
4. Kanawat Rungtaweewat

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Technology advancement causes mental deterioration
- Selfishness and financial pragmatic
- Environment, Education and friends
- Publicized media
- Change in social values

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Preserve the family model
- Media and government should present useful information and be good role models.
- Teachers should help instill ethical behavior in students, and help them develop a good conscience.
- Self-control

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Students' Cohabitation Problem

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Thitima Pochompoo

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Thitima Pochompoo
2. Arthittaya Jabthaisong

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Lack of knowledge and protection
- Broken families
- Self-indulgent
- More influenced by friends rather than parents
- Staying away from parents

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Give sex education classes to help create awareness, and understanding of HIV/AIDS, pregnancy and other consequences of engaging in sexual behavior.
- Parents should take better care of their children.
- Self-restrain
- Our parents raise us, and it is important to think of them before doing anything or making important decisions. We need to make sure that they are happy about what we are doing.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Improving Sports for Thai People

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Chumpon Pijarnson/ Vajiravudh College

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Chumpon
2. Chackapong
3. Korawin
4. Disatut
5. Tanapon
6. Kinchai
7. Suchaya
8. Pichamon

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Lack of support in sports.
- Thai people do not play a lot of sports.
- Lack of motivation and inspiration to play sports.
- Thai athletes rarely live up to international standards.
- The presence of corruption in the world of sports.
- Thai people do not think of playing sports as a way to improve their health but rather to compete against one another.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Good nutrition
- Provide necessary budget
- Encourage people to play more sports
- Carry out reforms in sport associations
- Encourage people to play sport professionally
- Educate the public on the advantages of playing sports
- Create motivation and encourage people to play sports, for example by creating new admission quotas or criteria in Thailand's universities for sport players.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Engaging in Pre-Mature Sexual Behavior

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Lah from Krabi and Nui from Karnjanaburi

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Tai
2. Tum
3. Naj
4. Eaw

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Lack of warm feeling
- Curiosity and excitement, desire to know what sex is
- Taking drugs
- Superficial knowledge
- Buddy or lover relationships
- Lack of knowledge about what sex is and what are the consequences of engaging in sexual behavior
- Popularity
- Pornographic media

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Educate the public and promote information campaigns about sex, the consequences of engaging in sexual behavior, and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Avoid one-on-one cohabitation.
- Foster ethical behavior.
- Build self-conscious behavior – to take responsibility for your actions.
- Protection and ban on propagation of pornographic media.

# **SESSION OUTCOME**

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** HIV/AIDS among Young People

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Ning, Pung, June, and Bird

**PARTICIPANTS:** Maew

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Broken families
- Insufficient knowledge regarding safe sex
- Media influence on youth
- Lack of consideration or of knowledge on the consequences of engaging in sexual behavior.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Strong families
- Sex education
- Enforce strong penalties on those who are making illegal pornography.
- Educate youth by enabling them to learn from those who have contracted HIV.
- Provide physical and mental support to patients.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Building Juvenile Centers

**PARTICIPANTS:** Attaphol Mumi from Mahasarakam / GMS Youth Forum

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Chantocha
2. Kanokwan
3. Pichamon
4. Attawat

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Problem of pornography
- Teenagers are more understood and influenced by their friends
- Family problems
- Children lack inspiration to learn
- Improper westerns values

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Children need to have creative activities to do in their free time.
- Make sure parents have confidence in their kids and trust them to make the right choices.
- Have a recreational center which provides sport, music and educational activities.
- Have educational guidelines which encourage brotherhood.
- They need to have more activities in which they can participate during their vacation time.
- They will love their hometown more.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Supporting the Dreams of Thai Youth

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Kajornvut Ounjai, Watsutthiwararam School, Apichai Boonmatep, PDA/Lampang, Wilaiwan Bureekaew, PDA/Chaing Rai

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Koy
2. Fai
3. Tung
4. Wut
5. Oat
6. Nan

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Elders do not respect young people's thoughts, and do not support their new ideas.
- Youth are able to create new ideas but they are not confident enough to express themselves.
- Children do not have the freedom to think by themselves.
- Youth and adults share different ideas, and perspectives on issues due to their difference in age, and sometimes in background.
- Thai society prefers accepting something new (idea, technology, etc.) rather than inventing them.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Encourage freedom of speech and ideas, especially for youth.
- Organize a forum during which youth and their elders can engage in discussions.
- Change social values and encourage creativity.
- Provide financial assistance to those who need it to support their new ideas.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC: Youth are a Vital Part of Thailand's Population**

**SESSION INITIATOR: Phairote Yaowamarn, PDA/ Mahasarakam**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Dong
2. Rain
3. Aun
4. Jack
5. June
6. Jet
7. Tai
8. Pui

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Children should be a good sample of the following generation.
- Thai Children are too shy and lack initiative.
- Youth are not interested in the nations' political developments and up-to-date news.
- They adopt external cultures without careful considering what kind of impact that could have on their own culture.
- They lack responsibility and do not enforce their own rights.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Increase the number of activities available to youth to increase, and encourage their participation.
- Raise awareness of important issues among youth.
- Encourage family members to be a good example for youth.
- Let youth take part in more activities in their society.
- Set up youth organization networks in which they can connect to each and share ideas.
- Provide sources of knowledge and information to youth – so as to make sure they are not just influenced by the media.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Fighting Poverty

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Guide, Gun, Fern

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Katae
2. Golf
3. Na
4. Ann
5. Nhoi
6. Fon
7. Pang

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Family planning
- Unemployment
- More consumer spending
- Lack of Education
- Unequal income distribution
- Gambling
- Agricultural product prices are relatively low
- Change in attitude of Thai people
- The effect of natural disasters on farming areas

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Promote Family Planning
- Spend money carefully - base your expenditures on income and necessity.
- Family accounts
- Support education
- Standard wages for urban workers
- Limit the number of alien workers
- Cooperation within the agriculture industry
- Raise taxes for narcotics (Alcohol, cigarettes etc.)
- Promote international export.

# SESSION OUTCOME

*16-17 September 2006*

**TOPIC: Inequality and Development in Thailand**

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Vimolpan Viboonmar, Duangporn Darongsuwan, Klitsana Thanawatpaiboon, Niti Vimolpan

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Jumpol
2. Kung
3. Best
4. Top
5. Fhai
6. Jay
7. Eve
8. Yui

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Different values
- Unemployment
- Consumerism, materialism
- Difference in education opportunities

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Encourage people to go back to their home towns and work there instead of living in the city.
- Decentralization and increase participation of people at the grassroots level.
- Educate grassroots people to expand local knowledge/wisdom to other communities.
- Decentralize government budget to local areas / authorities.
- Promote local jobs.
- Provide more access to education for all people.

# **SESSION OUTCOME**

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC: Unequal Development in Transportation Systems (Air-Transport)**

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Jitprateep Sunnikorn and Thidamon Pimpachai from GMS Youth Forum

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Kanokwan
2. Attawut
3. Suppanut
4. Attapon

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Lack of materialistic civilization.
- Lack of financial support from the Government
- Unpopularity for air-transportation among people
- The construction of the new airport might not be an economic benefit or useful.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Expand transport development in other areas of transportation such as the railway system.
- Recognition of the unnecessary construction of airports in some provinces
- Encourage the development of other things, aspects of life. Do not just focus on materialistic needs.
- Increase the use of existing airports to be more efficient

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Improving Thai Living Conditions

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Koravin Sriniratsai, Vajiravudh College and Somchai Zaewang, Watsutthiwararam Schooland

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Top
2. Best
3. Fluke
4. Boss
5. Prachitr

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- ❖ Social Inequity
- ❖ Poverty
- ❖ Inefficiency and inequality in the education system
- ❖ Pollution
- ❖ Social problems (homeless children and elderly)

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- ❖ Efficient income distribution e.g., increase tax from the riches and reduce the tax rate to poor people
- ❖ Provide more training for better career paths
- ❖ Promote sufficiency economy to all level of society especially young people
- ❖ Improve education standards and accessibility e.g., improve school and university quality, improve curriculum and child center education
- ❖ Increase the number green areas such as parks in the city, forests, and etc.
- ❖ Use science to help reduce waste and improve the environment
- ❖ Improve quality of state housing for the elderly
- ❖ Reduce the number of elders who are homeless by promoting good family values

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Stability of Oil Prices

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Pornapat Suwannarat, Kasetsart University /ESNOT

## **PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Duangrat Jirakasaemnukul
2. Kritsana Tanawattanpaibul
3. Chatkaew Rojanapunyakul
4. Loe
5. Ma
6. Pi
7. Na
8. Jumpon

## **ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- ❖ The oil prices in the world market are unstable and increase rapidly.
- ❖ The supply of oil doesn't meet with the increase in demand.
- ❖ The oil prices in Thailand depend on the oil prices in the Singapore market. When oil prices increase, it leads to other problems (like a chain reaction) such as increases in costs of production and transportation. As a result everything becomes more expensive and Thailand is now facing inflation.
- ❖ Thailand needs to obtain supplies of oil from other countries.
- ❖ Conflict between the powerful nations such as U.S.A and OPEC.

## **ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- ❖ The Government should manage the use of gasoline in a more efficient manner.
- ❖ Find alternative energy resources.
- ❖ Improve the transportation system to be more efficient.
- ❖ Government should use the float system on oil price.

# **SESSION OUTCOME**

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC: How to Get a Job after Graduating from School**

**SESSION INITIATOR: Pumivat Sakadklang, PDA / Nangrong**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Paweena Thipnangrong
2. Phumwat Sakudklang
3. Tanatat Rangpong
4. Jeera Uthirum
5. Nopphol Sitcahroen
6. Wallop Phubanchuen

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Poorly-educated
- Not enough working positions
- Too picky
- Low compensation

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Do not be too picky
- Create more jobs for people who have graduated
- Educate the public on possible legal careers
- Provide more compensation and social welfare

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Pollution in Bangkok

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Anuson Lakornthip(Aun), PDA/ Mahasarakarm

## **PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Lane
2. Tum
3. Aew
4. Lah
5. Tai
6. Dong
7. Naj
8. May

## **BACKGROUND:**

- Air pollution, especially from industries and cars
- Deforestation
- A deteriorated atmosphere
- Chemical substances

## **ACTION OUTCOMES:**

-Protect the environment in Bangkok by raising awareness among the youths about the seriousness of the problems

For example

- -Use NGV gas instead of regular oil to help decrease the carbon dioxide level in the air
  - Use EM to reduce water pollution
- Do not dump waste into the water. Separate substances in trash.  
-Properly use and manage all natural resources.  
-Launch a campaign to raise awareness of and understanding about the seriousness of the problem.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC: Sustainable Conservation of the Nature and Environment**

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Supotjanee Uerchalitnukul, Bangkok University (ESNOT)

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Kung
2. Mae
3. Bird
4. Rod
5. Nice
6. Yam

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Severe deforestation
- Ineffective management of waste
- Dumping of sewage into the river by industry plants
- Youth lack of knowledge of and do not care about important environmental issues.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Properly separate waste such as wet junk from dry junk
- Re-plant trees in damaged forest areas.
- Educate youth and the public about the importance of preserving nature and forests, and enhance their interest in the environment through campaigns, use of the media, promotion or speeches by singers and stars.
- Enforce strict laws against those who damage or abuse the environment
- Use the natural gas for vehicles instead of diesel or gasoline.

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Live and Learn from Our King

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Chintongperm Chutivongsakul from Chulalongkorn University

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Ann
2. Bow
3. Koy
4. Nut
5. Nan
6. Dream
7. Top
8. Nhoi
9. Wutt
10. Chin

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Have a vision
- Public mind
- Concentrate on his people
- The King is a good model for his followers.
- Apply his knowledge and ideas to successfully develop the country.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Embrace the concept of “sufficiency-economy”
- Reasonable thinking
- Governors should be good models like his majesty
- Develop and carry out intelligent and creative ideas
- Support the people who lack opportunities

# SESSION OUTCOME

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006

**TOPIC:** Harmony and Peace in our Society

**SESSION INITIATOR:** Orathai Rattanajaring, PDA/ Mahasarakam, Chantich Kaewmano, GMS Youth Forum/ Nongkai

**PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Wannipha Uthumma
2. Nutchalee Wongsiripakdi
3. Thawun Patcharaprakit
4. Bongkot Hunworawong
5. Phutthikun Pingcharoen
6. Patchara Sorn-arsa

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

- Internal conflicts between political powers and parties
- Political leaders compete with each other for their own personal benefits
- Only a few groups of people are holding political power; there is a lack of distribution of power.
- Too much school spirit and competitions lead to competitive and hateful behavior between institutions.
- Social inequality
- Mass media publications are censored.

**ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Encourage more efficient self-development
- Expand knowledge and understanding among youths
- Continuous encouragement of fellowship in society
- Foster social morality
- Enforce measures to deal with corruption and conflicts
- Create a real-Thai identity