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Editor's Note



The JCSH, succeeding The Rangsit Journal of Social Science and Humanity (RJSH), continues to focus on publishing research works of various contemporary issues in social sciences and humanities. In this issue, we are delighted to present eight (8) research articles from various academic disciplines, some of them are specifically related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the first article, Kaewkwan Tangtipongkul analyzed the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on informal workers, by using the Thai National Statistical Office's Informal Worker Survey 2011-2021 in Thailand. The author found that the number of informal employments in Thailand had decreased continuously during the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak in 2020 and 2021. In addition, the average monthly earnings and average total weekly working hours of informal workers declined statistically significantly during that same period.

In the second article, Adrian Rey Opinion Grumo and Sasiphattra Siriwato studied the situation of underpayment among Filipino migrant teachers in Thailand during the COVID-19 pandemic. They found that there were four main problems: (1) the absence of a bilateral agreement that could standardize labor practices and redress mechanisms, (2) no protection measures for complainants in current laws, (3) the lack of labor and cultural orientation programs, and (4) the unavailability of multi-lingual systems to communicate effectively with Thai authorities.

Next, Thayatham Sombooncharoen analyzed returns to education in different industries, by using the Thai National Statistical Office's Labor Force Survey for the years 2012 to 2022. The author found that, overall, a bachelor's degree earns the highest income followed by higher vocational, upper vocational, and high school. Surprisingly, this study found that those employed in the public sector had higher incomes than those employed in the private sector.

In the fourth article, Suraphol Srivithaya studied the law enforcement of directives principles of fundamental state policies in Thailand, comparing with nine different countries, by using the documentary research method and focus group discussions. The author found that the constitution of Thailand trended to increasingly adopt the binding force and review mechanism of legal enforcement for directive principles of fundamental state policies.



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In the fifth article, Kakronna Chhin-Eng and Sasiphatra Siriwato examined the effects of China foreign aid and diplomacy on Cambodia good governance and growth stability. The authors found that the motives of aid disbursement to Cambodia were strategically driven by the donor's hegemonic goals, which led Cambodia to encounter difficulties in maintaining its well-being.

In the sixth article, Nicharnan Patitas and Wisakha Phoochinda studied the effects of tacit knowledge on the environmental management practice of the population in Bangkok and vicinity, by using a quantitative research method.

In the seventh article, Thapanee Panpet and Yanin Rugwongwan, by basing on qualitative research, developed a physical environment assessment form for safety and security in transitional spaces between mass transit stations and buildings. The assessment form consists of two main factors, seven sub-factors, and 46 criteria.

Last but not least, based on field research, Jie Deng, Jirawat Vongphantuset, and Veerawat Sirivesmas redesigned part of the existing commercial space into a library within the Lu-yang Ju community while taking epidemiological considerations.

We always welcome your manuscripts and appreciate your comments. Links to our manuscript submission site can be found at JCSH Online Submission and Review System: www.rsu.ac.th/rjsh. We look forward to hearing from you and would like to express our thankfulness in advance.

Editor-in-chief