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The National Council for the Schools of Social Work in Thailand has been launched

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Prologue

Social work education and social work profession had been introduced and established in Thailand along with the socioeconomic and social welfare development since 1950s.

The first western model of social welfare agency, the Department of Public Welfare and the training institution for pioneer social work practitioners were founded in 1940s.

Faculty of Social Administration had been founded in 1954 at Thammasat University to offer the social work degree program of study that was firstly developed to serve the Department of Public Welfare. The approximate numbers of 1,500 social workers are employed mainly in the public welfare agencies while a few are employed in local government and non-government agencies. Thai social workers are now working under number of social legislations include; the Social Security Act 1990, the Labor Protection Act 1998, the Criminal Procedure Act Amendment in 1999, the Narcotics Addict Rehabilitation Act 2002, the Child Protection Act 2003, the Social Welfare Promotion Act 2003, the Welfare for Elderly Act 2003, the Domestic Violence Victim Protection Act 2007, the Mental Health Act 2008, the Anti Human Trafficking Act 2008, and the

Establishing the Juvenile and Family Courts Act 2011.

Social work code of ethics guided by the Social Worker Association of Thailand founded in 1957 as a national association for social workers. The Association of Thai Medical Social Worker and the Association of Psychiatric Social Worker are recently established as the guideline bodies for the social workers in these specific areas of practice.

The medical social workers are on their way to call for licensing of practice in these specific procedures; social assessment/diagnosis and social treatment, social surveillance and prevention, social promotion and rehabilitation, social resource management, community work and advocacy, and research and development.

The draft of the Social Work Profession Act is on its way to be promulgated and enforced. The social work profession is recognized and will be registered under the new Act. The Council of Social Work Profession will be established to provide the standard guidelines for the social workers and social work practice.

The social work curriculum are now approved and accredited by the Commission on Higher Education, Ministry of Education and the curriculum also need to gain recognition of the Office of Civil Service Commission. The national council of social work education is being developed under Thai Association of Social Work and Social Welfare Education (TASWE). The founding members of TASWE are the Social Worker Association of Thailand and the universities in Thailand that offer social work education programs either at undergraduate or graduate levels include;

1. The Faculty of Social Administration, Thammasat University
2. The Faculty of Social Work and Social Welfare, Hua Chiew Chalermprakiat University
3. The Faculty of Liberal Arts, Krirk University
4. The Faculty of Social Science, Mahachulalongkorn Rajwittayalai University (Buddhist University)
5. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, Prince of Songkhla University
6. The Faculty of Social Science, Chiang Mai University
7. The Faculty of Humanities, Ramkhamhaeng University



TASWE

Thai Association of Social Work and Social Welfare Education



Thai Association of Social Work and Social Welfare Education has been legally registered with three specific objectives; to develop and promotion of social work and social welfare education, to support the study, research and develop body of knowledge for social work and social welfare practices, and to support social work and social welfare networking at both national and international levels. **TASWE has been registered to the address at 2 Pra Chand Road, Pranakorn District, Bangkok 10200 Thailand and its first President is Decha Sungkawan, Ph.D. Dean, the Faculty of Social Administration, Thammasat University**