

Abstract

The study entitled "Thai household : A study of the pattern of role relationship among household members" is to study the characteristics of the household, the pattern of role relationship among household members, and to analyze the factors that influence on the pattern. Research methodology is an empirical research. The sample consists of 187 households, 100 in urban area and 87 in rural area. Moreover, the data include information on 801 household members; that is, 187 heads of household, 174 mates, 377 children and 63 other members.

The household characteristics vary with type household, size household and children under 12 years of age. Most of the household are nuclear family households. The average size is 3-4 persons.

The most important role among the household members is economics, usually playing by the head. The head also has more influent on important decision making and on the connection with the outside world. The mate authorize main internal roles in the household both "as a housekeeper" and "child care". However, the mate also involveas more or less in providing roles. It can be said that the head and his mate are more important among the household members.

Besides, the factors influencing on the pattern of role relationship among household members are household status, individuals characteristics and household characteristics such as; sex, age, education, household size, household type, children under 12 years age, and urban - rural areas.