

HOME AND ADMINISTRATION*

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This article attempts to demonstrate that the principles of public administration are analogous to daily life in the home. In support of his own views, the writer has cited a well-known saying of the Thai people that anybody desiring to attain bliss must have Chinese food, a Japanese wife, and live in a Western-styled home. The author has already conducted research on the subject of home, but the right to carry out research on food and wife is left to others. He points out that a home is the smallest unit in any state. Scientifically and systematically, a state in the Western sense has long been well administered. Thus the Westerners have no doubt been familiar with systems of administration for a long time. This accounts for the orderly management by which Western homes have been, and still are, so well directed that they have influenced the Thai mind.

The Thai are increasingly accepting the view that they should live in a Western-styled homes. By the application of the science of public administration, he considers the reasons for this phenomenon. We can conclude he argues, that a home in which one can live happily must never be unconsciously managed. In other words, it must not be mismanaged. But a home must in fact be run by what Kingsbury and Wilcox have stated, *Introduction to the Principle of Public Administration in Thailand*, is decent administration :

1. setting a definite purpose;
2. everyone is perforce involved in a common course of action; and
3. one must achieve one's purpose at all costs.

A home is symbolized by the group element. In contrast to a state a home is a kind of face-to-face relationship; whereas a state is an impersonal relationships because of the complexity of its activities. However, a home may be characterized as a primary organization. One which necessitates proper management so as to attain perfect home life. In an academic context, such a thing is called an administration which consists mainly of 4 essential characteristics, viz: organization, personnel administration, finance administration, and organization and management.

By using the methods of separation and illustration, the author once carried out research on those very academic principles so that a home may efficiently be managed with a view to achieving the stated objective. The writer feels worried to have to make an application of administration to

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a home which is considered as a tiny unit when compared with a state. Furthermore, we cannot deny that a home is an originating point of many activities. And as a determinant of human behavior it exerts considerable influence upon human beings. We should always manage and direct a home in such a manner as to provide maximum happiness and comfort to its occupants. Its administration should, under no circumstances, be handled in a random or purposeless manner, but should be done in accordance with the relevant academic principles. Professor Luang Pinpat Pitthyapet once remarked that practical and scientific administration differ greatly. In this connection, the author himself admits that it would be much better if the Thai people have their own art and technology in this particular matter of home administration. Since the end of the 19th century the Thai people have felt the need for Western arts and technology in home affairs. For this reason, the Institute of Public Administration was first brought into being in Thailand. That is why the author realizes the significance of administration, which is likely to be applied more or less to the Thai homes in general. Sooner or later Thai homes will surely be equal in administrative value and status to those of the Western world.

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