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## Vocationalism in Thailand: A Case Study in the Supply of Skilled Labour for Industrial Economic Development

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With the present rate of expansion of industry in Thailand, it is natural that the need for skilled labour will increase. Actually, the need has already been felt in many industrial circles. As the shortage of skilled labour will be reflected in the progress of the development of the country, and in order that there will be sufficient supply of skilled labour for the development of the industrial economy, the Department of Vocational Education of the Minisitry of Education is charged with the responsibility of building up a foundation toward the training and supply of skilled labour for this purpose. There are, however, many problems to be overcome in the work of this Department.

The author emphasizes the importance of skilled labour in relation to the productive capacity of the country. Productivity depends on many factors, one of which is labour. Of the categories of labour, skilled labour is of extreme importance. The efficiency of labour depends upon the skills and techniques of production, and this efficiency of labour is indicative of the productivity. When productivity of a country is high, the development of the industrial economy progresses.

This thesis is an attempt to point out that there should be improvements in the process, the principles and the procedures. If the Department will turn the students enrolled in these vocational schools into a skilled labour force, the steps to be taken begin with a survey of the demand for skilled labour, the planning, the carrying out the plan, including the registration of studens, setting up the curriculum, training of teaching and testing methods, workshop practice, workshop administration, school administration and school finance. These factors will have to favor the production of skilled labour.

The research was based on the hypothesis that the production of skilled labour as being carried out by the Department of Vocational Education was not satisfactory, especially in view of the many problems involved. The problems have been described and analysed in detail in this thesis. Suggestions have been made toward the improvements of the administration of the vocational schools, especially in connection with the production of skilled labour so that higher efficiency will be better attained.

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