Title : An Analysis of Development Index and Factors Affecting the Development of Rural Thai Villages

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Abstract

The purpose of the research is to study the overall profile of Thai rural inhabitants from the past development, and build up the development index, together with find the correlation among factors significantly influencing the development of rural Thai Village. Development Composite Index (VDCI) is constructed from Factor Analysis of the household’s and villages’ primary information surveyed by Community Development Department.

It is found that 9,761 villages are least developed, 16,971 less developed, 38,659 highly developed and 5,739 the highest developed. The factor which crucially influences the development of rural villages in Thailand is the basic characteristics of the village. The results could be used for setting the policy to directly tackle the problem and improve the living of the exact target group of the rural inhabitants.

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