

FOREWORD

The current issue of the ABAC Journal contains a particularly wide-ranging group of articles that will surely be of great interest to our readers. Four articles consider Thai situations, while one article discusses an important industry in Bangladesh.

The Journal has frequently had articles considering or touching upon moral issues but we are especially pleased that Police Captain Chanathep Suankeaw has written an article that treats such issues from a practical as well as academic point of view. The article considers current and ideal public perceptions of the police department and in the process develops a concept of an ideal - including a morally ideal - policeman. Many of the characteristics of this ideal law enforcement professional are merely applications of traits that in one way or another would be applicable to many professions but because relations between the public and the police force are so critical they must take on a special importance in this area. The survey-based article provides a detailed consideration of the importance of the moral perceptions of the police.

Dr. Sanan Limsawetkul looks at an international educational system that will provide a basis for Thai society in the future, the author emphasizes human growth within traditions that encompass both Thai history and the modern scientific oriented world. Dr. Siriwan Kitcharoen also considers the humanistic element of user satisfaction, with specific consideration of the operation of MIS departments in institutions of higher education.

An aspect of the humanistic tradition that stands behind a number of this issue's articles is an increase of awareness of the world around one and of oneself. Such mindfulness is seen as a critical component of psychotherapy by June Bernadette D'souza, in her study of the notion in modern psychotherapy practice.

The last article in this issue by Dr. Nadim Jahangir, Shubhankar Shill and Md. Amlan Jahid Haque goes well beyond local issues. Their paper analyses the importance of internal and external factors for return on equity of banks in order to examine the relationships between bank's market concentration, market size, and bank's risk with return on equity.

With this issue of the ABAC Journal, we move from the broadly social to the very personal, uniting two realms that have previously been treated separately.

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