"MILITARY DESCENDANTS": SOCIALIZATION OF THE KING'S OWN BODYGUARD COMMUNITY

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Abstract— This research studies the circumstances of adaptation and conduct of families in the King's Own Bodyguard community through descriptions of behavior, reflections on thought and perspective towards Socialization. Moreover, this research utilizes interviews--both formal and informal--in order to provide in-depth information that reflects Socialization, circumstances of adaptation, and conduct, including activities that highlight "Military Descendants" of the King's Own Bodyguard community in Dusit District, Bangkok Metropolitan Area.

The population utilized in the research comprise parents in the King's Own Bodyguard community (parents or guardians), both male and female, totaling30 people who participated voluntarily. Tools utilized in the research are questionnaires on Socialization or code of conduct information of "Military Descendants." Subsequently, all data were processed to find the Mean (),which will be used to analyze and interpret the data sample, and the Standard Deviation (S.D.),which will be used to show the distribution patterns of the data sample.

Results of the research found that Socialization data of "Military Descendants" regarding Socialization of the family is the largest, where $\overline{X}$ = 4.23 and S.D = 0.81; this is followed by Socialization of the community, where $\overline{X}$ = 3.47 and S.D = 0.82, which overallis at a medium level, with $\overline{X}$ = 3.16 and S.D = 0.33.

Keywords— Socialization, Community.

I. INTRODUCTION

In globalization, the change of society and culture goes rapidly nowadays and this affects to the relationship among human. The adjustment of human to survive in the world or exist in the society is important and depends on many factors including family institution. This is the smallest institution, but it is the core of members in the society. Moreover, family is the basis of socialization in terms of nurturing and teaching to build consciousness and positive attitudes towards the society. Military descendants of King's own body guard community ,in fact, consists of soldiers who focused on teaching values and discipline to exist in the society; thus, it is imperative for members to be brought up by members in order to transfer knowledge, ability ,and ideals into a model that society needs.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Social and cultural shifts in the world today occur rapidly through development in the fields of technology and telecommunications. This results in the ease with which news and information along with cultural sets are transmitted from one location to another, which will affect perception of each social cluster. Each cultural set comprises beliefs, values, as well as knowledge, which makes the global society of today replete with expertise that can be found in various places and change, including the ability to acknowledge shared membership in the global community promptly.

The rapid social and cultural shifts influence human relationships and the way people conduct life in society. Moreover, influx of consumerism and materialism will result in individuals being focused on endless self-gratification to the point of neglecting to create a happy family life or even overlooking obligations towards the family, such as taking time to nurture and instill ethics, virtues, and social etiquette to one's own children so that they behave appropriately for their age. this has led to today's permissive nurturing of children, lack of strict disciplining, leaving them to their fate, whereby the nurturer lacks accountability for how their children will turn out (Nopamas Oungphra, 2002 : 51)

In reinforcing development of a positive mind thereby promoting volunteerism, it is necessary to be nurtured by members in order to transfer knowledge and abilities, skills, positive attitudes and ideals into a model that society desires. members of the community can learn from and accept rules, regulations, behavior, and values that members of the community have determined to be rules,

The "King's Own Bodyguard" community, whose membership are mostly military families have been nurtured especially with regard to "code of conduct, bravery, and endurance." However, community faces challenges from social trends in the era of Globalization having a role resulting in Socialization or code of conduct of "Military Descendants"

The military is an institution that has been recognized for Socialization--it has been well documented that military personnel have a code of conduct that they observe strictly because of strict nurturing and instilling of discipline. It could be stated that the transfer process of military identity is a form of Socialization that whoever gains membership into the military must learn and transform smoothly into a military person. The objective is to switch old habits

from civilian life with divergent values, disposition, behavior, and perspective, all converging into unity.

1. Population Scope: Parents in the King's Own Bodyguard community totaling 30peoplerecruited from volunteers.

2.Content Scope: involving circumstances of the problem, adaptation, and conduct of families in the King's Own Bodyguard community

3.Time Scope: Beginning in August 2013 and being concluded in February 2014

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research is both quantitative and qualitative in nature. Sources of data used would be from surveys, questionnaires, and quantitative statistics, which were used to find relative values to be used in analysis results. While qualitative research would come from interview data, written records, conversations with the sample cluster for analysis, and population and sample clusters compiled by using SPSS for Windows statistical software.

The population used in this research was composed of comprised 30 parents in the King's Own Bodyguard community (parents, guardians) who had volunteered to participate in the research. and the sample cluster used in this research computed the size of sample cluster by sampling using Taro Yamane's formula, cited in Prakhong Kunnasut(1999: 10) at a significance level of .05.

This research required Multi–Stage Sampling comprising Simple Random Sampling, Cluster Sampling, and Accidental Sampling.

Simple Random Sampling method was used for selecting parents,

Cluster Sampling sampled clusters of class intervals required for study on problems , and Accidental Sampling: Distributed questionnaires to the sample cluster in the selected class interval according to proportion of parent numbers

Addition, tools used for compiling data in this research: the researcher utilized questionnaires and knowledge and ability-level measurement forms.

Socialization of the King's Own Bodyguard community provides family activities through training, teaching and nurturing, including activities that highlight "Military Descendants" influenced by Globalization trends.

IV. RESEARCH RESULTS

The researcher studied the circumstances of the problem, and conduct of family members in the King's Own Bodyguard community with 30 parents (parents, guardians) the population studied comprise parents in the King's Own Bodyguard community in Thanon Nakhon Chaisi Subdistrict, Dusit District, Bangkok Metropolitan Area. Personal attributes comprising gender, age, and education level are analyzed to find Frequency and Percentage values and thereafter presented in tabular format as shown in the following tables:

Gender	Number	Percentage
Male	10	33.30
Female	20	66.70
Total	**30**	**100.00**

From Table1, it was found that gender of the sample cluster of parents and guardians in the King's Own Bodyguard community comprise 10males or 33.30 percent and 20 females or 66.70 percent.

Age	Number	Percentage
25 years old or less	1	3.30
26 - 35 years old	5	16.70
36 - 45 years old	15	50.00
46 - 55 years old	6	20.00
56 years old & above	3	10.00
Total	**30**	**100.00**

From Table 2,it was evident that Age of the sample cluster :15 people or 50 percent, the largest number, are between 36-45 years old, 6 people or 20 percent are between 46-55 years old, 5 people or 16.70 percent are between 26-35 years old, 3 people or 10 percent are 56 years old and above, and 1 person or 3.30 percent is 25 years old or less respectively.

Family members	Number	Percentage
1-3 persons	7	23.30
4-6 persons	20	66.70
7 persons or more	3	10.00
Total	**30**	**100.00**

From Table3it was observed that the number of persons in the family of the sample cluster of the King's Own Bodyguard community is 20families or 66.70 percent, the largest number, comprise4-6people,7 families or 23.30 percent, comprise 1-3people,and 3families or 10 percent, comprise 7people or more respectively.

Status in the family	Number	Percentage
Head of household	11	36.70
Spouse	16	53.30
Child	1	3.30
Relative	2	6.70
Other(specify)	-	-
Total	**30**	**100.00**

From Table4 it was found that status in the family of the sample is 16 people or 53.30 percent, the largest number, are spouses, 11 people or 36.70 percent are head of household, 2 peopleor6.70 percent are relatives, and 1 personor3.30 percent is a child respectively.

Highest level of education attained	Number	Percentage
No education	-	-
Primary school	5	16.70
Secondary school	15	50.00
Vocation school	-	-
Junior Degree Bachelor's Degree	4 6	13.30 20.00
Master's Degree	-	-
Doctorate Degree	-	-
Other(specify)	-	-
Total	**30**	**100.00**

From Table5it was learned that the highest level of education attained of the sample is 15people or 50 percent, the largest number, possess a secondary school-level education, 6people or20 percent, possess a bachelor's degree-level education,5peopleor16.70 percent, possess a primary school-level education, and 4peopleor13.30 percent, possess a Junior Degree-level education respectively.

The next table shows a questionnaire of Socialization data or code of conduct of "Military Descendants" and shows results found of the mean and standard deviation values.

Including a summary of the mean ($\overline{X}$) and standard deviation (S.D.) values of the sample cluster of the King's Own Bodyguard communityin Dusit District, Bangkok Metropolitan Area, 24 items in total.

Item	Socialization Data	$\overline{X}$	S.D	Score
1.	You have never spoken in jest as a friend with your child	3.13	0.57	Medium
2.	You will always participate with your child in all activities	3.47	0.82	Medium
3.	You feel that your child does not pay any attention to you	2.90	0.67	Low
4.	You disapprove of your child asking you for any advice or recommendations	2.07	0.87	Low
5.	You have never spoken to your child in a soft and pleasant tone	2.80	1.10	Low
6.	Usually when your child is anxious, you will always be there to relieve your child of such anxiety	4.10	0.88	High
7.	It is very difficult to know how much your child loves you	3.20	0.99	Medium
8.	You often like to give your child compliments and tell him/her that he/she is better than other people's children	2.53	0.68	Low
9.	You closely monitor your child's behavior	3.80	0.85	Medium
10.	You always let your child make his/her own decisions on personal matters	3.60	0.86	Medium
11.	You have never allowed your child to leave home alone	2.70	0.79	Low
12.	You allow your child to purchase items freely	2.83	1.02	Low
13.	You always prefer that your child pleases you	2.60	0.93	Low
14.	You always punish your child by forbidding him/her from doing what you disapprove of or cutting his/her allowance rather than executing formal punishment	2.53	1.04	Low
15.	You always prefer corporal punishment	1.60	0.67	Lowest
16.	You often berate your child, which always hurts his/her feelings	1.83	0.99	Lowest
17.	You always provide a reason to explain the error of your child's ways before punishment	3.90	0.84	Medium
18.	You will always provide a reason for motivating your child to do the right thing	3.93	0.83	Medium
19.	You also teach your child not to mistreat other people both physically and verbally	3.97	0.76	Medium
20.	You teach your child to provide assistance to others in distress	3.70	0.65	Medium
21.	You always teach your child how to distinguish between right and wrong, advantages and disadvantages of things that your child experiences	3.87	0.73	Medium
22.	You teach your child to distinguish right from wrongbefore deciding to do anything	3.53	0.82	Medium
23.	You teach your child to control his/her own emotions, not to act emotionally without consideration of right from wrong	2.97	0.89	Low
24.	Your family participates regularly in community activities	4.23	0.81	High
Total		**3.16**	**0.33**	**Medium**

Comments and Recommendations

1. Families should be closer to youth by starting to be close to them while they are still young up until they reach adulthood.

2. Request cooperation from government agencies to provide support to communities that are committed to working for society, totally devoted and determined to working to provide a good society to live in, and having confidence in their own society.

3. The community should promote activities for youth so that they can spend their spare time in the most productive manner.

4. Parents and guardians should pay greater attention to and supervise the behavior of today's youth.

5. On organizing communal activities: outside agencies should be promoted to host the

organizing of activities that promote active participation of parents and you thin joint activities.

4.4Case study of example from in-depth interview

In this study, the researcher conducted interviews and compiled data from 6 providers as follows:

1) The Head of the Community is a 47-year-old male whose occupation is military service as well as owning his own business.

The Head of the Community related that he himself had been on the board of directors of the community since 2003. The community has offered religious instruction regularly once a month by inviting Buddhist monks to train and teach community residents.

In addition, the Head of the Community this mentioned that participating in school activities is another way to help refine community youth, such as of Buddhist Lent candle procession event, which provide opportunities for parents and children to participate jointly in activities thereby also promoting family and community relations.

2) Advisor to the Head of the Community

The Advisor to the Head of the Community is a 53-year-old male whose occupation is military service.

The Advisor to the Head of the Community engaged family and youth in the community to exercise by playing football as well as using religious principles and mentioned that participating in school activities was another way to help refine community youth, such as participating in Sports Day with friends.

3) Community Board Member

The Community Board Member is a 49-year-old male whose occupation is military service. The Community Board Member related that he has participated in community development to be drug free as well as participated in meetings with other communities and transferred the knowledge and experience that he had received to develop the King's Own Bodyguard Community,

In addition, the Community Board Member mentioned that the school as an institution was another setting that promotes Socialization following the institutions of family and religion. It is also the center for sharing knowledge for the community,

CONCLUSION

5.1.1 Analysis results of the status data of questionnaire respondents found that15 people or 50 percent, the largest number, were between the ages of 36-45 years old; 6 people or 20 percent, were between the ages of 46-55 years old; 5 people, or 16.70 percent, were between the ages of 26-35 years old; 3 people, or 10 percent were 56 years old and above; and 1 person, or 3.30 percent was 25 years old and below respectively.

5.1.2 Study results of analysis of the data of level of Socialization or code of conduct of "Military Descendants" of parents in the King's Own Bodyguard community, overall totaling 24 items, overall score is medium, or $\overline{X}$ = 3.61, S.D. = 0.33.When considered by item, by ranking mean

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