

Preface

This volume is the results of the 5th year's research programme in Thailand. The previous studies have dealt mainly with the development policy in this country who has attained rapid growth. In this volume, the eyes of the authors are focused on the economic activity of people at the bottom of the social scale. The aim is to explain how the informal sector has expanded despite the success of high economic growth in this country.

Pasuk's paper presents an overview on the matter, arguing how the informal sector is involved and sustained the export-led and service-led growth of this country.

Voravidh's paper analyses the trend of the expansion of informal sector by explaining that formal sector has the tendency to rely on sub-contracting work to the informal sector to face the price competition.

Itoga's paper deals with the hawker business and stressed that they perform an important part to supply low cost food for workers.

Kitti's paper focused on the housing needs of household of informal sector in urban areas which is expanding rapidly.

Nikorn's paper focused on the cause of labour migration especially in north-eastern region which is the major source of workers.

Jawaraksana's paper reviews the government policies on the urban informal sector.

Finally, we deeply appreciate for the cooperation of participants at the meetings.