

<b>Research Title</b>	The Influence of Guardians' Socioeconomic Aspects Towards Students' Academic Achievement of Phatthalung College of Agriculture and Technology
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### **Abstract**

The research is aimed to study (1) the general features and the students' academic achievement of Phatthalung College of Agriculture and Technology (2) the social and economic features of the students' guardians (3) the guardians' attitudes towards the students' learning and (4) the social and economic factors of the guardians influencing the students' academic achievement of Phatthalung College of Agriculture and Technology. The secondary data are compiled from various documents. The primary data are collected from 77 guardians via self – administered questionnaires, which are brought by the students to their guardians to fill in. The data analysis is implemented by the descriptive statistics and Chi – Square ( $\chi^2$ ) test. The results are summarized as details.

The students of Phatthalung College of Agriculture and Technology are the students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year vocational certificate level more than the students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year vocational certificate level. Most of their guardians are parents. The students, 57%, stay at their own houses, and have chance to meet their guardians every day in 1 month. The students' academic achievement is measured by GPA, which equals 2.87.

The students' guardians are 45.83 years old in average. All guardians are Buddhists. The guardians, 44%, are primary educated as the highest level. Most of them are married and not separated. The average household members are 4.7 people, and 2.0 people are studying in average. The average working members are 2.2 people. Non-working members, the old aged, and the younger than school age are 0.5 people in average. Most of the guardians are members of social groups or associations. The guardians, 26%, are the community leaders, and

perceive the academic information from televisions, which are their favorite media for their hobby.

Most of the guardians do agricultural activities as their main career. More than half of them earn their monthly income not more than 10,000 baht. The majorities are in debt condition, and financed by the village fund. In view of the land ownership, the guardians mostly own the land less than 20 rais. The average land ownership is 13.6 rais in each household.

In view of the guardians' attitudes towards the students' learning, the attitudes are classified into 3 aspects as following; the attitudes towards Phatthalung College of Agriculture and Technology as well as programs, attitudes towards the guardians themselves, and attitudes towards the students. The results reveal that the guardians express good attitudes towards the overall image of all aspects and each issue. However, the attitudes towards the issue that after the academic completion the students are requested to work at home to improve and develop their family business are neither bad nor good. The attitudes towards the issue that the education helps the students achieve the better social and economic status are very good.

The social and economic factors of the guardians influencing the students' academic achievement are comprised of 2 social factors as details. The educational level and the marital status of the guardians influence the students' academic achievement of Phatthalung College of Agriculture and Technology with the statistically significance at  $\alpha = 0.05$ . However, the other factors do not influence the students' academic completion of Phatthalung College of Agriculture and Technology.

