

Abstract

The project of “The Development of Occupational Health and Safety Management Learning Center at Bangsai Fork Art and Craft Center, The support foundation of H.M. Queen Sirikit of Thailand: Phase III” was the continuous project following the phase II of the same title. The objective of this project was to adopt or modify the model of Occupational Health and safety management from previous study into other Fork Art and Craft Centers throughout country. The occupational health service at Fork Art and Craft Center was also maintained and strengthened.

Main nine Fork Art and Craft Centers are located in 5 provinces: Mae Hong Sorn, Lampang, Sakonnakorn, Nakornsrihammarat and Narathiwat. The staffs from local public health offices and their networking team were trained on occupational health service. The training course was sponsored by the Bureau of Occupational and Environmental Diseases, Department of Disease Control. After the training course, all activities were set up by the team including the representative from Fork Art and Craft Centers and they were set up suitable for the occupational health problems in each area.

The process of occupational health service in each Fork Art and Craft Centers included 1) workplace survey to identify risk 2) improvement of working conditions 3) set up training course on occupational health and general health and 4) provide health examination. The lung function test and visual test were also included.

After carrying out the project, the importance of occupational health and safety management was realized by local officers, the administrators and workers at Fork Art and Craft Centers. The occupational health service model learnt from this project can expand to other types of occupation especially in self-employed groups. The next step of development of occupational health and safety management should strengthen the cooperation among all people such as local public health offices the administrators and workers at Fork Art and Craft Centers to improve the better working conditions and better occupational health services.