ABSTRACT

Virtual University is the new reformation of higher education by using "World Wide Web" (WWW) to provide a new opportunity for distance students to study via Internet technology. Ministry of University Affairs (MUA) established the center of distance university system called "UniNet" by using leased line cable.

The purpose of this project is to assess the possibility of higher education to create Virtual University via Internet in Bangkok, Thailand. The main subjects were UniNet and Ministry of University Affairs (MUA). The data were collected with the use of both primary (UniNet) and secondary sources (journals, textbooks, and web sites), including the questionnaire about Internet user profile of Thailand from NSTDA and NITC's book. It took 3 months to complete all data collection procedures. And using all related data to analyze the new model of university system for Thailand and explained the real situation, both past and present, in Thailand.

This project indicated that all master plans in Thailand were ready and interested to reform the education system, but still have problems in aspects of system structure and operation toward students. Finally, as I concluded all the things that we already created are not lost for reformation, but only thing that we make is the plan. Current situation of Thailand was collapsed after Thai Baht crisis until now like this, we must implement the plans because we already passed the phase of planning. So this reformation of higher education will help us make the possibility of concept "Plan to Do and Do as Planned". So, government must support one-time cost of high-speed unity networking and more budgets in any aspects of education sector, especially for higher education that will directly effect the development of the country.