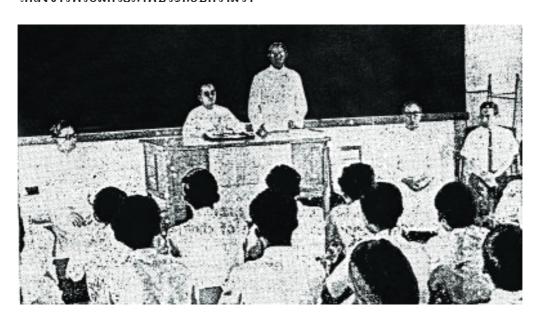


## บทที่ 1

## ความเป็นมาที่สับสนและขมขึ้น

วันอังการที่ 3 มิถุนายน พ.ศ. 2512 หนังสือพิมพ์ Bangkok World (3 June 1969) ใดลงข่าวพร้อมด้วยภาพประกอบความว่า



"Fifty-three students attended the first class of the new business administration course offered by the Assumption Commercial College yesterday. The four year course was approved by the Ministry of Education beginning with the 1969 academic year.

Students who successfully complete the course will be awarded diplomas equivalent to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce (B.S.C.) awarded by the University of Santa Clara, California. These graduates are eligible for entrance to the M.B.A. program in American universities.

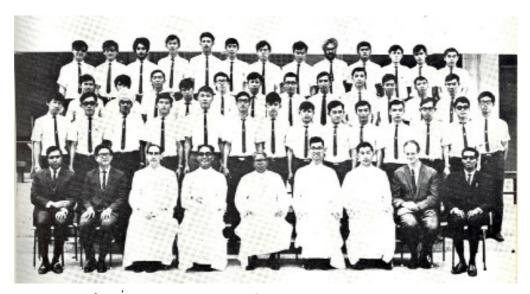
Instruction is being offered in the fields of economics, accounting, statistics, mathematics, auditing, cost accounting, business law, finance & banking, marketing, business management, insurance, philosophy, logic and speech, principle of government, history of



Southeast Asia, income taxation, and psychology. All subjects are taught in English.

Applicants are required to have M.S. 5 (12<sup>th</sup> grade) or equivalent ranking.

The Congregation of the Brothers of St. Gabriel, already running 13 educational as well as charitable institutions in Thailand, opened a new business administration course yesterday. In photograph, Bro. Amnuay Pinratana, the Provincial Superior, officiates at the inauguration."



นักศึกษารุนแรกของหลักสูตร ASB ปี 1969 จาก The ACC Luminary 1969-70

หนังสือพิมพ์ Bangkok World ได้รายงานเพิ่มว่า นักเรียนที่สำเร็จการศึกษาตาม หลักสูตรใหม่นี้จะได้รับวุฒิบัตร (Diploma) เทียบเท่ากับปริญญาตรี Bachelor of Science in Commerce (B.S.C.) ของ The University of Santa Clara, California ผู้เรียนสำเร็จหรือบัณฑิต ดังกล่าว สามารถศึกษาต่อปริญญา M.B.A. ในมหาวิทยาลัยในสหรัฐอเมริกาได้อีกด้วย

ไม่นานต่อมา ข่าวยินดีที่ปรากฏในหนังสือพิมพ์ Bangkok World เมื่อวันอังคารที่ 3 มิถุนายน พ.ศ. 2512 (ค.ศ. 1969) ได้กลายเป็นเรื่องของความสับสนและขมขึ่น สำหรับ นักศึกษาและผู้บริหาร โรงเรียนอัสสัมชัญพาณิชย์ หรือ ACC กล่าวคือ



1) กระทรวงศึกษาธิการใม่เคยอนุญาตให<sup>้</sup>โรงเรียนอัสสัมชัญพาณิชย<sup>์</sup>เปิดหลักสูตร ปริญญาตรีบริหารธุรกิจดังที่เข้าใจกัน และกล่าวอ้างในหนังสือพิมพ<sup>์</sup> Bangkok World

ข้อเท็จจริงคือ โรงเรียนอัสสัมชัญพาณิชย์มีสถานภาพเทียบเท่า โรงเรียนสอนขับ รถยนต์ หรือโรงเรียนอาชีพอื่น ๆ เท่านั้น (ดูรายละเอียดในภาคผนวก 1) จะเห็นว่าโรงเรียน อัสสัมชัญพาณิชย์จดทะเบียนเป็นโรงเรียนประเภท "อาชีพ อาชีวะศึกษา" ดังนั้นนักเรียน ที่เรียนจบออกไปจึงไม่สามารถมีวุฒิเทียบเท่ามัธยมปลายได้ไม่มีสิทธิ์เรียน รด. ถ้าเป็นเช่นนั้น แล้วนักเรียนที่เรียนจบหลักสูตรใหม่ (ASB) จะมีวุฒิเทียบเท่าปริญญาตรีได้อย่างไร? และ ที่สำคัญคือในสมัยนั้นยังไม่มีการประกาศใช้ "พระราชบัญญัติวิทยาลัยเอกชน" แล้วกระทรวงศึกษาธิการจะอนุญาตให้เปิดหลักสูตรปริญญาตรีได้อย่างไร? ดังนั้น คำกล่าวอ้างดังที่ปรากฏ ในหนังสือพิมพ์ Bangkok World เมื่อวันอังคารที่ 3 มิถุนายน พ.ศ. 2512 จึงเป็นการ "หลอกลวงประชาชน"

ในการจดทะเบียนโรงเรียนและกำหนดประเภทของโรงเรียนเช่นนี้ คณะภราคาที่ ACC ไม่เข้าใจ ไม่ทราบความหมายที่แท้จริง ทำให้นักเรียนต้องเสียสิทธิประโยชน์มากมาย

2) The University of Santa Clara, California ไม่เคยให้การรับรองหรือให้การ เทียบเทาวุฒิบัตรแก่ผู้ที่เรียนจบหลักสูตรที่กล่าวอ้าง (เอกสารประกอบ 1)

จดหมายจาก Fr. Coz ทำให<sup>้</sup>ทราบว่า ภราคาเบอร์นาร<sup>์</sup>ค กับ Fr. Coz มีการคุยกันเป็น ส่วนตัวเท่านั้น มหาวิทยาลัย Santa Clara ไม่เคยรับทราบเรื่องนี้มาก่อน และสิ่งที่ปรากฏ แกสายตาประชาชนทั่วไปคือ **ไม่มีนักศึกษาคนใดได**้รับ**ปริญญาตรีในบริบทดังกล**่าว

นี้คือความเป็นมาของ ASB ซึ่งถูกตำหนิโดย Fr. Coz ด้วยเหตุดังกล่าว หลักสูตร ASB จึงไม่มีการรับรองปริญญาใด ๆ ทั้งสิ้น เป็นอันวาโครงการนี้จึงต้องปิดตัวเองลง โดยปริยาย



เอกสารประกอบ 1: จดหมายจาก Fr. Coz ลงวันที่ 15 November 1971 เขียนถึง ภราคาเบอร์นาร์ด แจ้งวามหาวิทยาลัย Santa Clara ไม่เกี่ยวข้องกับเรื่องนี้

หนา 1

TEL: 246-3000



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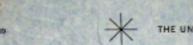
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