

OTOP - Experiences from Northern Thailand: Implications for Research

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What to be Covered:-

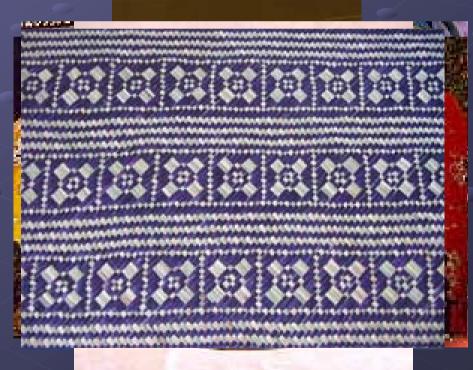
- From Concepts to Practices
- Problems & Success
- What are missing and Research to fill-up
- Discussion

- Mountainous with dense rainforests
 - Populated by colorful hill tribe minorities
 (have own customs and crafts)



The fertile valleys are rich in history (>700 yrs) with a long tradition for superb handicraft

- Carved wood
- Rich silverware
- Cotton fabrics
- Paper product
- Ceramics
- Bamboo basket



 Agriculture is prime livelihood with divers high value horticulture produces

High quality longan, tangerine

High quality honey product

Good quality coffee and

Temperate vegetable ar

Herb and spices



Tourist attraction

- With long history and rich in culture
- Friendly and warm hospitality
- Favorable climatic condition
- Clean natural environment and beautiful scenery



- Example
 - Chiang Mai is famous for culture, temple and waterfalls
 - Sukhothai is famous for ancient capital city and world heritage





OTOP Products

• OTOP products are defined as unique, wonderful hand-made creations of Thailand's myriads village communities, refined and brought to the market place as the attractive handicrafts and local products that visitors love to buy.

Note: Adapted from OTOP brochure: Dept. of Export Promotion

3 Fundamental concepts of OTOP

Fundamental concepts follow the Oita initiatives :-

- Bring local wisdom to global market place / acceptance
- Self reliance and creativity via OTOP process
- Capacity building for human-resource via incubating people to meet challenges

3 Key Activities

- Market expansion from local to global markets while reserving local identity and strength
- Participation of local community, gov. officers to improve technology and tools
- Search for experts, and foresightful persons accepted by local community for consultation

Steps of Organization and Responsibility

Step 1 : Local (Sub district)

Public meeting for selection of distinguish product

Step 2 : District level

Ranking product, setting integrated plan & budget

Step 3: Provincial level

Same as step 2

Step 4 & 5 : National level

Policy, strategic planning, Recording nation-wide

Initial Stage (2001)

- Key outcomes of the first 6 months
- Local officers follow outlined procedure to screen local products for OTOP
- Lack of good understanding and awareness of OTOP principle concepts among officers and communities
- Only well-known products were selected

Criteria	ОТО		Non-OTOP		
Criteria	Ban Kaew	points		points	
A. Product Criteria					
1. Input					
Local raw material	80% 5		80%	5	
Local wisdom	dev. From other	3	local	5	
2. Production					
• Product dev. / improve	continuous	5	frequently	4	
• quality	Food cert	5	on process		
• Environ. neg. eff.	non	5	some	1	

Critorio	ОТО		Non-OTOP		
Criteria	Ban Kaew	points		points	
3. Marketing					
• outlets	Domestic + exp.	5	domestic	3 5	
ono. of outlets	> 3	5	> 3		
• sales increases	20%	3	10%	3	
Market period	6-7 mths	3	12 mth	5	
packaging	standard	5	simple	3	
Total of A		44		35	

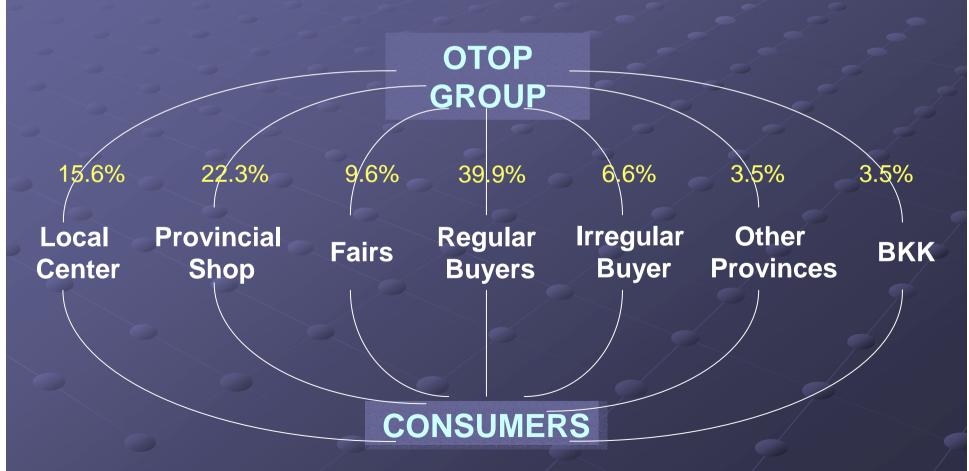
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B. Community Strength Criteria					
1. Organization					
• no of member	50 person	5	31 person	5	
age of organization	7 yr	5	4 yr	4	
2. Production					
continuity	12 mth	5	12 mth	5	
• prod. process	Organized system	5	Not system	1	

Critorio	ОТОР		Non-OTOP		
Criteria	Ban Kaew	points		points	
3. Marketing					
ability to access	100%	5	100%	5	
4. Accounting and financing					
• capital fund	300,000 baht	5	50,000 baht	5	
• accounting system	Simple system	5	non	1	
• investment ratio	4%	1	45%	2	

Critorio	ОТОР		Non-OTOP		
Criteria	Ban Kaew	points		points	
5. Other					
• structure of org.	structured 5		unstructured	1	
networking	few	3 none		1	
Total of B		42		30	
A + B		86		65	

Examples of OTOP members

Product distribution of Pickled garlic: an example of a far most successful case.



Key Performance Indicators after 3 yrs of OTOP in Northern Thailand

Province	Tambon	No. of Items	Item/ Tambon	E-commerce
Kamphaengphet	78	176	2.26	
Tak	63	127	2.02	- 3
Nakhon Sawan	130	291	2.24	
Nan	98	322	3.29	- /
Phitsanulok	89	163	1.83	-
Phayao	68	183	2.69	-

Key Performance Indicators after 3 yrs of OTOP in Northern Thailand

Province	Tambon	No. of Items	Item/ Tambon	E- commerce
Chiang Mai √	205	1,776 √	8.66 √	394
Chiang Rai	124	408	3.29	
Petchabun	117	371	3.17	
Phrae	78	197	2.53	-
Mae Hong Son	45	154	3.42	
Lampang √	100	430 √	4.30 √	-

Key Performance Indicators after 3 yrs of OTOP in Northern Thailand

Province	Tambon	No. of Items	Item/ Tambon	E- commerce
Lamphun √	51	613 √	12.02 √	143
Sukhothai	86	206	2.40	
Uttaradit	67	229	3.42	-
Uthaithani	70	205	2.93	- <

- 1. Each province should have 400 items
- 2. Average product per Tambon ≥ 4.00
- 3. The √ indicating acceptable performance

Examples of OTOP products of Chiang Rai









Examples of OTOP products of Chiang Mai





Examples of OTOP products of Chiang Mai







The Present Policy and Activities

- Move from product emphasis to market emphasis in 2002 as characterized by:-
 - Concentration on post-production
 - Exhibition Center in various places in Bangkok
- Large number of events / Fairs set up in major provinces
- More concentration on export in 2003
 - Dept. of Export Promotion take action
 - Logo of OTOP product, E-commerce invented
 - Product Champion invented
 - APEC meetings as high end audience
- Overall approach geared from Production orientation to Market orientation but still so much on the former

OTOP Logo





OTOP Product Champion



Pickled Garlic Papai Group







Longan Tea Co – op Ban Kaew Women Group

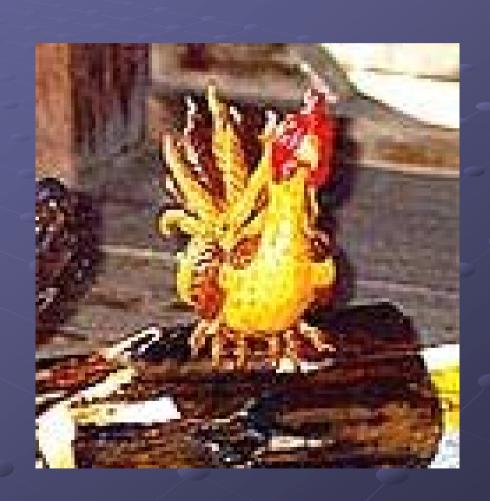


Honey Product Group





Saw Dust Product Group



Chiang mai Winery Co - operative











Lanna Pottery Artisan Group





What are Missing for sustainable Development?: Implications for research

- Local officers' lack of in depth information on groups' potentials for local planning
- National authorities' lack of aggregate information to balance demand and Supply

In depth information Deficiency on groups' potentials

- Production capacity and continuity
 - Existing capacity
 - Availability and source of inputs
- Management ability
 - Flexibility / adjustability
 - Quality control
 - Raw material problem handling
 - Financial management ability
 - Marketing: networking and access

In depth information Deficiency on groups' potentials

Competitive advantage

- Cost / return
- Production technology
- Product differentiation

Organization strength

- Type of organization
- Contribution of members
- Contribution to community
- Social capital



Information Required for Regional and National Planning

Demand side

- Preference, attitudes and behavior of consumers
- Responses to promotion and PR.

Supply of goods and raw material

- No link between sources of inputs and OTOP goods bring to surplus/deficit supply
- No integrated information especially in time & spatial dimensions

Previous and Future Efforts

- Expected Cases studies conducted by graduate students
- One report by Office of Agricultural Economics.
 (June and July, 2003)
- 85 cases studied by Chiang Mai University(CMU) (1996; 2000 and 2003)

Previous and Future Efforts

- Ministry of Education (University Affair) nationwide GIS program
- Thailand Research Fund and Dept. of Rural Development Collaboration to support training the trainers of cases-study research
 - coverage 2003 to 2004 <- Upper North
 - 2004 to 2006 <- all other regions

CMU Project on Case Study

- Apply PAR for sustainable learning
- Train research assistants and groups' leaders on all aspects of business management
- Provide technical assistance and network
- Stimulate group's concern of community benefit
- Transmit needs for technology from groups to researchers and funding agencies

CMU project on case study

- Stimulate and strengthen groups' ability on self assessment (SWOT analysis)
- Provide information on consumers' behavior, preference and attitudes
- Provide in depth information for policy makers
- Provide strategies for strengthening individual group's business improvement
- Provide recommendations for development of each product category category
- Develop website for all cases

CMU project on case study

Example of A Case Study

The Case of Pickled Garlic (Pa Pai)

1. Organization

- Housewives Group established in 1981
- Members: 38 -> 149 person (2000)
- Share = 6,400 shares, 640,000 Baht
- Aim also for social/community strength family relationship

2. Administration

- Group steered by elected committee
- Committee members came from 3 families
 - -> supportive and coordinative

3. Production

- Under production and quality control committees
 - Production process
 - In bound logistics
 - Quality inspection
- Secondary products have potentials for export
- Storage of garlic and containers need better management to reduce cost
- Production process needed some improvement for export purpose

4. Employment

- Both members and non-members were employed during peak period (Feb-Mar)
- Normally, work was done by committee members
- Wage for member 80-90 baht < market wage (140 baht)
- Some social welfare available
- Wage for male committee = 160 baht, female = 100 baht
- O/T also available for all

5. Financial Management

- Many sources provided credit for the group with low interest rate 5-7% (MLR = 15%)
- Loan amounted to 2 million baht for working capital
- Loan payment well planned and practiced
- Group had poor sale-credit management causing cash flow problem

6. Performances

- Overall highly successful but could be improved in many aspects
- Became OTOP member in 2001
- Products awarded OTOP-Product Champion in July 2003

7. Benefit Gained from OTOP Program:-

- In 2001, 6 mths after the OTOP initiative, positive effects in the following aspects
 - More gov. agencies support (15 -> 17 agencies)
 - More visit for and monitoring (1 -> 10 visits/mth)
 - More free support (100,000 baht)

7. Benefit Gained from OTOP Program:-

- In 2001, 6 mths after the OTOP initiative, positive effects in the following aspects (cont.)
 - More trainings on management
 - Improved food standard
 - Better PR.
 - Self stimulated to air transportation
 - Sale value increased by 6%
- No negative effect reported

More Cases Showing Improvement and Expansion Community Products and Services

Co - op Ban Kaew Women Group









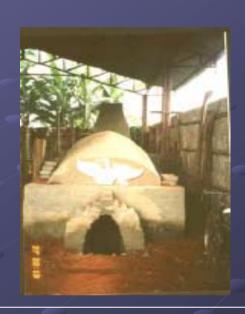
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Wiengkalong Ceramic Foundation









Dong Pa Sang: Sa Paper Group







San-pa-yang: Soy-sauce Group







Tambon U-mong Agriculture Tourism and Wine









Analysis of Cottage Food Industry in the Upper North

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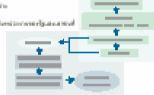
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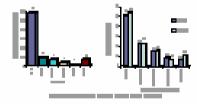
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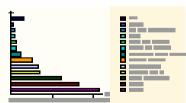


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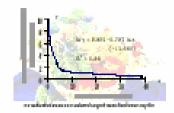
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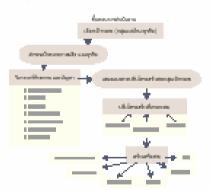
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