

Administration of Overseas Chinese Association Affairs:
A Case Study of the Tae Chew Association in Thailand

Abstract

There have been here in Thailand many studies by foreign scholars of different aspects of Chinese association affairs, but there has been none on the inner structure and operation of such organization. As the writer is a Thai and has considerable experience living in the Chinese Community, with the advantage of having a reasonably good command of Chinese (reading and writing), it seemed appropriate for him to under-take research in this direction. The present study focuses on the Tae Chew Association in Thailand alone, with the aim of presenting it as a model giving a lucid picture of Chinese associations as mechanisms to run the engine of the Chinese Community in Thailand. The study is concerned with how the association works and what functions it fulfills in the Community.

This thesis, unlike others, seeks simply to present empirical data on administration in line with the so-called PAPOSICORD principle of administration, without an attempt to prove or justify hypothesis. The whole content of the thesis consists of descriptive and analytical statements on the administration of the association in question, under the following headings: O & N, Personnel-Administration, Finance Administration, and Planning and Coordination

Besides depicting the administrative processes of the Tac Chew Association, this thesis may prove helpful in approaching the study of other Overseas Chinese regional and dialect groupings. The writer considers his work a test of the case study approach in this field, and hopes that it will influence others to continue with such empirical studies.

Finally, by indicating "environments" in the Thai administrative sphere, the paper may be considered a contribution to the "ecology of public administration".