

VOLUNTEER PROBATION OFFICER SYSTEM IN THAILAND

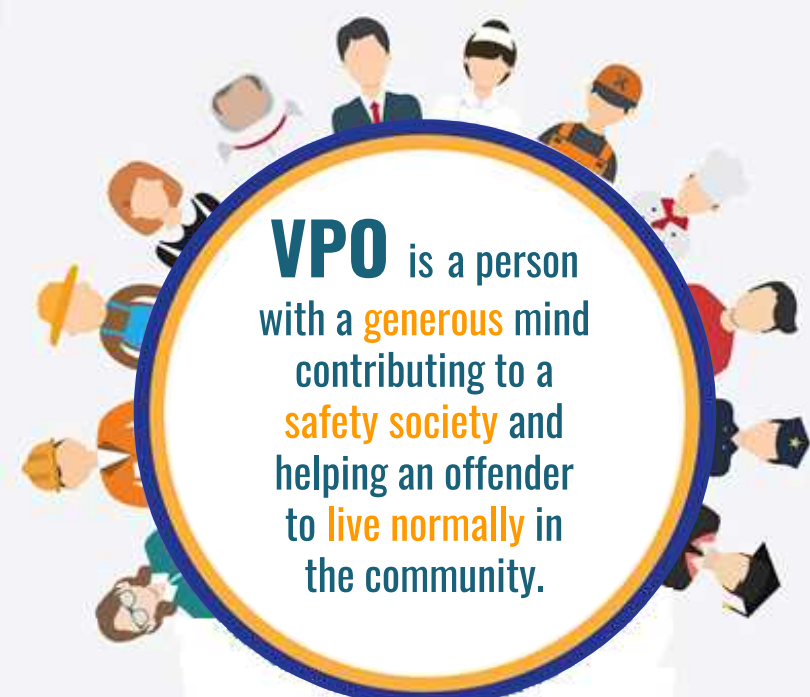
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OVERVIEW OF VPOs IN THAILAND

WHO ??



VPO is a person
with a **generous** mind
contributing to a
safety society and
helping an offender
to **live normally** in
the community.

UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE

- » Key mission of DOP – Community Corrections
- » Community for Community
- » Public participation in community corrections

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 😊 Social investigation/ fact finding/ Supervision
- 😊 Offender rehabilitation
- 😊 Helping offenders or providing social welfare to them e.g. vocational training
- 😊 Other tasks assigned by the Director General of DOP e.g. monitoring parolees wearing E.M. or high risk ex-offender

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SUPERVISION

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New tasks of VPOs assigned by the DG

- the use of EM device
- the support of the Justice Safety Observation ad hoc Center

RECRUITMENT

- Be at least 21 years old
- Graduate with middle school certificate or equivalent
- Hold a decent job
- Live in a permanent residence
- Demonstrate honesty, dedication and good behaviour
- Have health conditions that do not restraint the performance
- Not be a persons of unsound mind or be declared incompetent or quasi-incompetent

QUALIFICATION

- 👉 High Responsibilities
- 👉 Patience and Compassion
- 👉 Dedication to the public benefit
- 👉 Public Consciousness
- 👉 Positive Attitude towards the offender

Common Characteristic of THAI VPOs



Experienced, Well respected, Benevolent
As of January 2021: 19,952 VPOs
68% Male , 37% 51-60 years old , 50% Agriculture

DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

TRAINING COURSES

Training courses for newly appointed VPOs

Practical Training
e.g. law and regulations

Specialization courses to develop specific skills
e.g. monitoring high-risk ex offenders

Project to develop VPO potential
to supervise offenders and to promote safe society and confidence of people



EVALUATION

- » 6 year- terms of serving
- » Performance Evaluation once every two years by Probation Office

INCENTIVE INCREMENT

- ☞ Public Recognition
- ☞ Honouring
- ☞ Opportunity to receive Royal Decorations



POLICY INITIATIVES

1. Restructuring the VPO management system
2. Strengthening VPO Roles
3. Enhancing VPO Potential



VPO Club in every PROVINCE

2. Strengthening VPO Roles





Vocational Supporting



Monitoring and Supervising Parolees

3. Enhancing VPO Potential

Newly Focus Point

-  Counseling Psychology
-  New Technologies (Electronic Monitoring)

**NO ONE
IS LEFT BEHIND**



THANK YOU!

Any questions?