



CURRENT STATUS OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE IN THAILAND

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7th - 9th Health Development Plans (1992-2006)

- promoted the development of the knowledge of TTM,IM, and CAM through researches and the improvement of TTM/IM/CAM service standards for successful integration into the health service system and for health promotion through self-care.**
- developed TTM training & educational system**

9th Health Development Plan (2002-2006)

**protection of the intellectual property of the
traditional knowledge of health care by
implementing and enforcing **the Act on the
Protection and Promotion of Thai Traditional
Medicine Wisdom B.E. 2542 (1999)****

Health Policy of the Present Government

Support and implement the “strategic plan for the development of Thai traditional and alternative medicine” to offer choices of health and medical services for Thai people to choose from and to support the economic development at the community and national levels.

Implementation plans

- **development of health personnel in the field of TTM/AM**
- **integrate into health service system**
- **increase benefit in universal coverage**
- **support R&D of medicinal plants**
- **support the patent of TTM knowledge**

Department for Development of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine (DTAM) was established on 3 October 2002



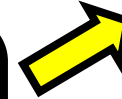
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ROLES OF DTAM ON T/CM

- 1. Revival of the body of knowledge of TTM**
- 2. Promotion of the integration of T/CM services into the public and private health service facilities**
- 3. R&D of T/CM, folk medicine & herbal products.**
- 4. Scrutinizing CAM knowledge, select, and set up standards of those that are suitable for Thais**

ROLES OF DTAM ON T/CM

- 5. Dissemination & transfer of T/CM knowledge & technology**
- 6. Protection & conservation of TTM wisdom & medicinal plants**
- 7. Set up standards of T/CM products, practice & educational system**
- 8. Promoting the production of quality Thai traditional medicines & other herbal products**

COMMITTEES ON TM



- **Committee on the Protection & Promotion of Thai Traditional Medicine Intelligence**
- **Committee for the Development of Herbal Product Industry**

Herbal Medicinal Products



FDA

- **Registration of T/CM products**
- **Licensing of T/CM manufacturers**
- **Post-marketing surveillance of T/CM products for quality & safety**

Bureau of Drug and Narcotics

- **Pre- & Post-marketing analysis of herbal products**

> 2000 Registered traditional medicines



- 1. Thai traditional medicines based on TTM principles and textbooks**
- 2. Traditional Chinese medicines**
- 3. Herbal medicines from single herb, usually in modern dosage forms**
- 4. Single herbal preparations from standardized extract**

Research on T/CM



COMMITTEES ON R&D OF TM PRODUCTS

- **Subcommittee of the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT)**
- **Ethics Committee for Research in Human Subjects in the Field of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine, Ministry of Public Health**

Institutes conducting R&D of TM products



- **Medicinal Plant Research Institute**
- **Government Pharmaceutical Organization**
- **Institute of Thai Traditional Medicine**
- **Thailand Institute of Scientific and Technological Research**
- **Schools of Pharmacy, Medicine, Science**

CONCLUSION

- Successful reintroduction and integration of TTM into the health service system requires**
- **acceptance of the safety and efficacy of TTM by healthcare personnel**
 - **good quality traditional herbal medicines**
 - **good clinical researches to determine the safety and efficacy of TTM**
 - **strengthening of the body of knowledge of TTM**



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