**Sign Language in the Zoo**

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**Abstract**

At present, Thailand has many people with hearing impairments. The government had policy that attaches importance to providing facilities for these people to be able to live their lives equally with the general public, including promoting equality in education. However, these facilities do not seem to be enough. The Zoological Parks Organization under the Royal Patronage of H.M., the King has a primary mission to be a lifelong learning resource. By providing a several activities to promote learning process about wildlife and natural resources in the zoo, which is conducted by the Zoo Education Department. With the importance of learning support for the hearing impairment, the Education department of Khao Kheow Zoo has provided training courses for officers and educators to know basic sign language communication skills. The purpose is assistance the people with hearing impairment, at the all target group can contact with educators through sign language. The education department of Khao Kheow Zoo, expect this basic sign language communication skill training will be a part of learning support for these people with hearing impairment, who has a desire to learn outside of the classroom and promote more learning services within the zoo, with equality efficiency and happy to learning in the zoo.

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