

**Title** : **Quota Students' Causes of Relinquishment of Privilege to Study at Suranaree University of Technology (Cohort 1997)**

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### **Abstract**

The two main purposes of this study were (1) to analyze the percentage of selected quota students' relinquishment of privilege to study at Suranaree University of Technology, (2) to investigate the causes of the relinquishment. The 771 population of this study was the selected quota students who relinquished their privilege to study at Suranaree University of Technology in the 1997 academic year. The total number of questionnaires mailed out was 771 and the total number returned was 547.

The results of study were summarized as follows:

The relinquishment rate based on 771 quota students.

1. Fields of study: Agricultural Technology was found the highest rate (57.95%) followed by Engineering (45.06%) and Information Technology (40.38%) respectively.

2. Sex: The highest rate was found in female rather than male (47.81%, 45.81% respectively).

3. Region: The highest rate was found in Northeast (49.84%) followed by Central (47.39%) and South (46.56%) respectively, whereas the minimum was found in East (39.44%) which was close to North (39.74%).

4. Types of quota: The highest rate was found in province quota (48.86%) rather than school quota (44.31%). Regarding the school quota, the highest rate was 63.64% for Si Sa Ket, while Rayong ranked the last with 32.43%. Concerning the province quota, 100 percent of relinquishment was found in Chiang Mai, Phitsanulok and Prachuab Khiri Khan. (There were 2 candidates from Chiangmai, 4 from Phitsanulok and 4 from Prachuab Khiri Khan.) Both Uttaradit and Surat Thani ranked the last with 10%.

The causes of relinquishment of privilege based on 547 returned questionnaires indicated the top three reasons as follows:

1. Tuition fee at Suranaree University of Technology was too high. (average score = 3.83)
2. They had already been accepted to study at other institutes. (average score = 3.65)
3. They had a financial problem. (average score = 3.55)