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#### **Abstract**

The purpose of this research project is to study trends in needs of sports science program by conducting a survey into the interest of students, employers and Suranaree University of Technology. Two groups of subjects were purposively selected. The first group consisted of students from forty four senior high schools in five provinces located in lower region of Northeast of Thailand, students from seven schools of sports, and students from fifteen colleges of physical education. The second one was directors or managers of human resources at private and state-owned enterprises in thirty one areas around Bangkok and its suburb, lower regions of Northeast and East of Thailand. The survey was conducted by using questionnaire for the first group, while an interview was used for the second group. The results of this survey showed that the interest of the students from the senior high schools, the schools of sports and the colleges of physical educations in this proposed program are twenty five percent, thirty percent, and sixty percent, respectively. Twenty three enterprises of those surveyed need two until six employees graduated from this proposed program per year. The other eight do not have a policy to recruit new employees because they are very small enterprises. In summary, the survey shows that the students graduated with degree in sports science can find easily employment in private and state-owned enterprises. The result was presented in a public hearing on 20th May 2005 with 53 participants. Most participants were convinced that the sports science program is indeed needed. They also supported strongly the opening of sports science program in the Suranaree University of Technology because of the readiness of faculty members and infrastructures.