

# **GIVING EDUCATION FUND TO THE CAVE TRAPPED VICTIMS: DISCUSSION ON ROLE OF UNIVERSITY REFERRING TO 2018 NANGNORN CAVE EVENT THAILAND**

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## **ABSTRACT**

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**KEY WORDS:** Role, University, Victim.

## **INTRODUCTION**

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## **CASE**

After the boys were successfully rescue from the cave after more than 10 days being trapped in the big cave in Thailand, a local governmental university in a remote province from the disaster site posted the intention from the administrator that the university will give scholarship to all boys for Bachelor to Doctor degree. This issue became a discussed topic for the local people referring

that there are many other underprivileged children in the area and there are very limited governmental fund from the government.

Few days later, another local governmental university posted that the university will give fund to support local children in the flooding area resulted from rescue mission of the trapped boys, as a contrast to the declaration of the first university.

## **DISCUSSION**

Sponsoring fund to the student is generally practiced. However, there must be the specific regulation of the sponsorship. Focusing on the present cave crisis in Thailand, there are several rescues support from many nations. Also, many local partners help the mission until success. However, the role of a university in giving fund to the boys becomes talk of the town issue.

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The important consideration is whether this is appropriate or not. Some might think that it is a way to psychological support the children who are the cave victims. While others mentioned that the victims are not hero and do nothing special that should be the scholar or fund. The university administrator might have good intention. However, many local people discuss that the action seems to be a way for marketing of the university. This kind of sponsorship should be avoided and not performed by any governmental unit. As a higher education institute, appropriate social role of the university becomes an important issue in administrating of the university [1].

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

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