

The School of Law at Walailak University, in collaboration with the Academic Service Center and led by Assistant Professor Amornrat Amatasena, an expert in law and dispute resolution, has developed a comprehensive outreach program that encompasses various educational activities designed to serve the wider community. This initiative specifically focuses on training and assisting local residents, including villagers, farmers, entrepreneurs, and local officials, in managing legal disputes at both the household level and within local government administration.

In 2024, Walailak University closely collaborated with the Provincial Justice Office and the Community Mediation Center to conduct a series of programmed project-based activities at no cost, as outlined below:

1. Walailak University organized training sessions for local government officials, such as village heads and community leaders, aimed at educating them on managing disputes within the community. These sessions addressed conflicts between the state and citizens, as well as disputes among citizens themselves. The training also included important topics related to property disputes, rights disputes, and domestic conflicts, providing guidance on how government officials can effectively assist local residents seeking information or legal advice.
2. The outreach program also featured knowledge dissemination activities aimed at preparing and enhancing the skills of 150 members of the legal consultancy club, which includes faculty members, students, and interested alumni. The objective of these activities was to develop the skills of service providers so they are well-prepared to assist the wider community and local government officials. Collaboration with the Vice President of the Nakhon Si Thammarat Lawyers Council and experienced lawyers who specialize in legal consultation and case management facilitated the effective delivery of these training sessions.
3. School members from the School of Law at Walailak University organized free academic service projects intended for local residents who require legal assistance or guidance through the justice process. They provided valuable legal advice to students and the general public, not only in the university's surrounding areas but also beyond. These projects aim to promote legal knowledge and ensure equal access to justice for people of all ages and backgrounds, including displaced people, while contributing to the resolution of legal issues, particularly in the districts of Nakhon Si Thammarat, Chawang, and neighboring areas.
4. In an effort to reach local residents more effectively, Walailak University established free online legal consultation services through platforms such as Line, Instagram, Email, and Facebook Page. This initiative is designed to reduce the burden of long-distance travel, making it easier for local residents to access service providers. The online services also serve as a means to follow up on legal consultations offered by the legal consultancy clinic, which is managed by the WU LAW CLUB under the supervision of the Faculty of Law. These outreach educational activities focus on disseminating knowledge about various legal topics to the wider community, including labor groups, migrants, and displaced individuals, covering important areas such as criminal law for citizens, laws related to social media offenses, family law, and labor law. The ultimate goal is to empower individuals with sufficient legal knowledge to avoid unlawful actions and reduce the incidence of disputes in society.
5. Under the leadership of Assistant Professor Amornrat Amatasena and School members from the School of Law Walailak University has also collaborated with Nakhon Si Thammarat Province, the Provincial Justice Office, the Nakhon Si Thammarat Public Prosecutor's Office, the Lawyers Council, and the Provincial Enforcement Office. Together, they have gathered data and reported on legal consultations and dispute management within the community. This important information will inform future planning regarding the justice process in Nakhon Si Thammarat Province, with a focus on creating more supportive services beyond campus for all community members.

