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In the past decade, rapid growth of Thailand's economy has affected the pattern of land usage in Ayutthaya city. Large agricultural land areas had become golf courses, garden homes, housing areas and industrial estates. This is a result of booming land prices between 1985 to 1990 which has encouraged land owners to sell their land at prices higher than the real value. In addition, from 1991, an industrial development policy has made Ayutthaya as an industrial area and this move has affected the pattern of land usage, land utilization and bring about problems such as national forest reserve encroachment, demolishment of historical heritage, environmental pollution, transportation as well as social problems.

This study focuses on the impact of industrial development on urban land usage in Ayutthaya, Thailand. The study aims to investigate the pattern of land usage, analyse the rate of change on land utilization and determine the effect of industrial development on land usage and quality of life. The data were collected using questionnaires and secondary resources. The study covered Ayutthaya province in three areas; Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, Sena and Uthai. The sample frame includes people who are involved in agricultural and industrial sectors in Ayutthaya. The sample size included members from 500 households. The data were analysed using SPSS program and statistical analysis such as ANOVA, regression, chi-squre, and t-test were used for hypotheses testing.

The findings showed that land were used in two different ways in Ayutthaya; (1) farm holding land which is used for agriculture and rearing livestock, and (2) land which is used for residential, business, commercial, and industrial activities. The rate of change for land utilization indicated that the amount of agricultural areas are decreasing due to the establishment of industrial estates, increasing number of factories and changes to the land usage pattern. Lastly, industrial development is also affecting the lifestyles of the surrounding population. Abstrak tesis yang dikemukakan kepada Senat Universiti Putra Malaysia Sebagai memenuhi keperluan untuk ijazah Doktor Falsafah

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Sedekad yang lalu, perkembangan ekonomi Thailand yang pesat telah mempengaruhi corak penggunaan tanah di bandar-bandar utama. Sebahagian besar tanah pertanian telah menjadi padang-padang golf, rumah-rumah taman, kawasan perumahan, dan kawasan industri. Ini adalah ekoran daripada peningkatan harga tanah di antara tahun 1985 sehingga ke tahun 1990 yang telah menggalakkan pemilik-pemilik tanah untuk menjual tanah-tanah mereka pada harga yang lebih tinggi dari harga sebenar. Di samping itu, dari tahun 1991, polisi pembangunan industri telah menjadikan Ayutthaya sebagai kawasan perindustrian dan ini telah mempengaruhi pola penggunaan tanah dan telah mengakibatkan masalah-masalah seperti pencerobohan pada hutan simpan negara, masalah pengangkutan, masalah sosial, kemusnahan pada peninggalan sejarah, dan pencemaran alam persekitaran.

Fokus kajian ini adalah untuk melihat impak pembangunan perindustrian terhadap penggunaan tanah di bandar-bandar dalam daerah Ayutthaya, Thailand. Kajian ini mengkaji pola penggunaan tanah, menganalisa kadar perubahan penggunaan tanah yang menunjukkan pengaruh pembangunan industri ke atas penggunaan tanah dan juga kualiti taraf hidup. Data dikumpulkan menggunakan kaedah soal selidik dan sumber-

sumber sekunder. Kajian ini dilakukan di tiga kawasan dalam daerah Ayutthaya iaitu Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, Sena, dan Uthai. Rangka sampel merangkumi penduduk di daerah Ayutthaya yang terlibat dalam bidang pertanian dan perindustrian. Saiz sampel melibatkan 500 ahli isi rumah. Data dianalisis menggunakan pakej SPSS dan beberapa analisis statistik seperti ANOVA, regresi, khi-square dan ujian-t.

Hasil analisis menunjukkan bahawa tanah di Ayuthaya digunakan bagi dua tujuan;

- (1) tanah ladang digunakan bagi tujuan pertanian dan perladangan, dan tanah
- (2) untuk perumahan, perniagaan, tujuan komersial dan

aktiviti perindustrian. Kadar perubahan bagi kegunaan tanah menunjukkan yang jumlah kawasan pertanian telah berkurangan dengan pembukaan ladang-ladang perindustrian,bertambahnya pembinaan kilang-kilang, dan perubahan kepada pola penggunaan tanah. Akhir sekali, perkembangan perindustrian didapati telah mempengaruhi gaya kehidupan para penduduk.

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