



SEAMEO-ACC SPORTS EDUCATION INNOVATION AWARD

3RD PRIZE (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATEGORY) Wat Sompuanthong (Thailand) *Takraw*

A. Summary

Wat Sompouthong School is a small school in Supanburi province of Thailand. The school aims to promote Takraw as sport for the students to improve health and well being and contribute to good ASEAN citizenship.

Takraw is taught to students of Grade 7 to 11 (male and female). Since 2012, the school has been sending Takraw team to compete in local school sports competitions. In 2012, the school won for it's the takraw boys' team and in 2013, the girls' takraw team got the award.

Activities involved in implementing Takraw are: a) inclusion of Takraw in the school curriculum; b) conducts of the sports activity; and c) creation of Takraw groups/teams. Strategies used were: a) mixing of students from different grade levels into teams; male and female team competitions and practicing together; and c) parents practicing with the students.

Takraw is the sport best suited for Wat Sompouthong given its small area. In addition, the school believed that it is helping the community, through this sport, in terms of preventing drug addiction among youth.

B. Objectives

Takraw activity aims to:

1. promote good health;
2. promote unit of Wat Sompouthong School;
3. teaching and learning of rules on sports;
4. preserve traditional, local game Takraw
5. develop good character among students.

C. Results/Outcomes

The sport benefited students in terms of health and well-being, improved competencies in Takraw and developed sportsmanship.

Wat Sompouthong has become popular locally for the Takraw sports. The sports developed closer relationships among students, parents and community. In addition, Wat Sompouthong got approval from the standard education evaluation of the Supanburi area and National Thailand school standards.