



## ESARN CREDIT UNION

### Esarn Association Credit Scheme

Mr. Sucreep Krajai, President of the Esarn Association in Pattaya presided over a meeting at City Hall on the afternoon of the 29th May. There, 30 members proposed a new scheme for helping out Esarn people living in Pattaya who are having financial problems.

They plan on starting up a credit union to provide loans for those people from the region that are in need to tie



them over until they get back on their feet.



## FARANG SON-IN-LAWS

The Land of Smiles, Thailand, is now becoming the land full of farang son-in-laws, especially in the Esarn North East region of the country where provinces such as Udon Thani is extremely high for Thai women getting married to farang men. They choose men that come mostly from the more affluent countries in Europe, especially Germany, UK and the Scandinavian countries. A study on cross-cultural marriages in Thailand's poorest region investigated the problems such marriages pose to cultural and traditional values in rural areas of the North East.

each year marry Western men to improve the quality of life for their families. The marriages have brought them more financial independence and a steady monthly income to their parents," said researcher Assistant Professor Promphakpung from Khon Kaen University.

"There are a rising number of Thai women entering into cross-culture marriages each year. This has raised concerns from several women's organisations about the unfairness of Thai family laws and the lack of legal knowledge among Thai women. In cross-cultural marriages, a lot of Thai women are financially dependent on

their foreign husbands. Compounded with limited interaction between the spouses because of the language barrier, Thai women choose silence and compliance when domestic disputes occur for fear of losing the marriage. Most of these women are also ignorant about Thai family laws which still favour chauvinism in the country. And Thai women in cross-cultural marriages are generally unaware of the legal help available today due to the lack of accessible information," said Assistant Professor Malee Pruekpong-sawalee, Director of Women and Youth Studies programme at Thammasat University.

## FARANG PLACES IN ESARN

When you go "up-country" (to another province) in Thailand it is convenient to know the places where farangs (foreigners) meet and exchange information about that area of Thailand

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