AGRARIAN CHANGES AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD STRATEGIES IN SUB-URBAN VIENTIANE, LAO PDR

SIVILAY KEOBOUNTHAM

A THESIS SUBMITTED TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ลิขสิทธิ์มหาวิทยาลัยเชียงใหม่ Copyright[©] by Chiang Mai University All rights reserved

GRADUATE SCHOOL
CHIANG MAI UNIVERISTY
MARCH 2007

AGRARIAN CHANGES AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD STRATEGIES IN SUB-URBAN VIENTIANE, LAO PDR

SIVILAY KEOBOUNTHAM

THIS THESIS HAS BEEN APPROVED TO BE A PARTIAL FULFILLMENT
OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Cluster Willy person

Assistant Professor Dr. Chusak Wittayapak

Assistant Professor Dr. Jamaree Chiengthong

MEMBER

Dr. Olivier Evrard

20 March 2007

© Copyright by Chiang Mai University

Acknowledgements

First of all, I would like to express my deep gratitude to Assistant Professor Dr. Chusak Wittayapak, my thesis advisor, for his useful and valuable guidance for my study and thesis writing. I would also express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Jamaree Chiengthong, the member of my thesis committee, for her useful suggestion and comment for this thesis. Furthermore, I would like to express my deep thanks to Professor Dr. Anan Ganjanapan, an experienced teacher who gave me excellent comments and guidance during my study. Additionally, I would like to express my special thanks and gratitude to Dr. Olivier Evrard who gave me excellent suggestions and consultation during my thesis writing.

I am sincerely thankful to Dr. Santita Ganjanapan, my general advisor, for her good suggestions and consultation during my study and proposal writing. At the same time, I would like to express my thanks to Dr. Chayan Vaddhanaphuti, Professor Dr. Yos Santasombat, Dr. Pinkaew Luangaramsri, Lecturer Ekamon Saichan and Lecturer Phrek Gypmantasiri who taught and provided guidance for my study. Moreover, I am thankful to all teachers and the staff of the RCSD, who provided knowledge, facilities and cooperation for my study.

Especially, I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Sida/SAREC through National University of Laos (NUOL) that gives me the opportunity and support for this scholarship. Furthermore, I would like to express my deep gratitude and respect to Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, NUOL who gives me chance and support for my education. A special heartfelt gratitude also extends to all my colleagues at Department of Political Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, NUOL who have continuously encouraged me during my study.

I would like to express thank to all of the village administrative committee of Thin Pheer village namely Mrs. Khamsone, Mr. Jarn Kham, Mr. Thong Chan, Mr. Outhong, Mr. Some Chit, Mr. Sawieng and Mr. Kham Fong who gave kind help, cooperation, and accompanied me during visiting the research site. I would like to express appreciation to Mr. Dao, the staff of Vientiane Capital Division of Agriculture

and Forestry, and I also thank to Mr. Boundeth and his colleagues, for their kind provision of secondary data.

I would like to thank my classmates namely Mr. Dexa, Mr. Chittapong, Mr. Ronny, Miss Sachiko, Miss Zou Yahui, and Mr. Bandara. Especially, I would like to express high gratitude to Mr. Daniel Powell and Mr. Joseph Rickson for their editing assistance. Finally, I would like to thank and dedicate this thesis to my mother, brothers, sisters and girl friend for giving me support for this study.

Sivilay Keobountham

ลิขสิทธิ์มหาวิทยาลัยเชียงใหม่ Copyright[©] by Chiang Mai University All rights reserved