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Perception and Attitudes about Nanotechnology and Nano-Safety in Thailand's University Community

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A survey of 512 students from two local universities revealed that perception of nanotechnology regarding its importance to Thailand's economy and personal welfare was overall positive. Students especially 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' with survey questions that focused on government support and regulation of nanomaterials and nano-labelling and were overwhelmingly in favor of developing a nano-safety program in Thailand. Most students believed that nanotechnology-based products would be cheaper, would improve the quality of life and aid in producing high technology jobs—even though knowledge about nanotechnology by a majority of students was still in the formative stages (not different from similar surveys done in other parts of the world and not unexpected considering the newness of nanotechnology). Demographics included gender, field of study (engineering & sciences vs. social sciences), nanotechnology experience, nanotechnology knowledge and home university.

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