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Law Category winner

Acceptance Speech:

I would like to thank the Education Committee of the Anglo-Thai Society for allowing me to be here today, as well as His Excellency the Ambassador of Thailand and other sponsors for supporting this award. I feel very pleased and honoured to be selected to be an award winner in the field of law. This award means a lot to me because it shows that the academic work I have put in my thesis and the time I have spent on my PhD study are appreciated. This makes me feel more enthusiastic about resuming my career as a lecturer in Thammasat University after my PhD study. My academic achievements would have never gone this far without the help of my supervisors, Prof Graeme Laurie and Dr Gill Haddow, whose guidance and support made it possible for me to pursue my PhD study, and the financial support from my employer, Thammasat University. I am immensely grateful to them for their support.

My PhD research is about the management of biobanks. Biobanks are the collections of human tissues and health information that serve as resources for health-related research. They are very beneficial because they make research conduct much more efficient and allow researchers to study complicated diseases and develop innovative treatments. However, the management of biobanks raises a lot of practical and ethical issues and these issues might outweigh the benefits they provide. With the aim to encourage biobanking, my thesis proposes the way in which the organisers of biobanks should do to deal with these issues. To be more specific, I propose that the organisers of biobanks should treat biobank participants as partners, in a sociological sense, in order to maintain a good relationship between them and biobank participants as well as secure the viability and longevity of biobanks. This is a broad picture of my PhD research. The contribution of my thesis will be beneficial for Thailand in the future as there seems to be a plan to establish a national biobank in Thailand.