

**SAO CHANG COLLEGE**  
**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

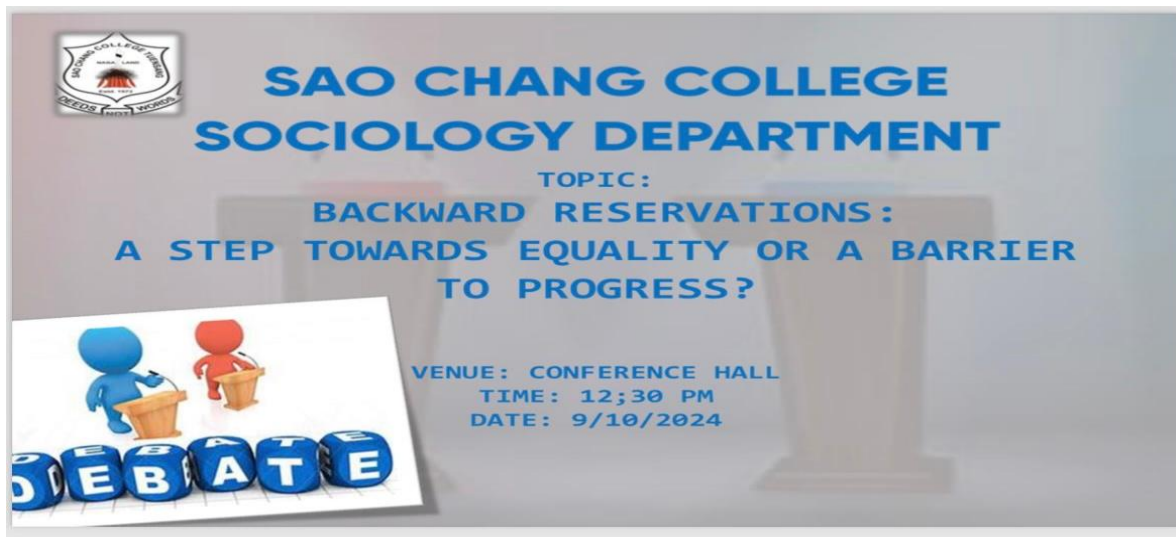
**Activity Report**

On September 10, 2024, the Sociology Department of Sao Chang College organized a departmental debate competition on the thought-provoking topic: “*Backward Reservation: A Step Towards Equality or a Barrier to Progress?*” The event, which aimed to encourage critical thinking and articulate discussion among students, witnessed active participation from students across various semesters of the department, as well as enthusiastic attendance from interested teachers and students outside the department. Altogether there were 131 attendees.

The competition featured six participants, with three speakers arguing *for* the motion and three *against* it. Representing the motion, “*Backward Reservation: A Step Towards Equality,*” were Tsurito Kushu and Manla Chang from the 5th semester, along with Owmthai from the 3rd semester. Arguing *against* the motion, “*Backward Reservation: A Barrier to Progress,*” were Lonstesang Khamniungan and Niamkoi from the 5th semester, and Khaoshai from the 1st semester.

The debate was structured to provide each participant with a fair opportunity to present their arguments, supported by well-researched evidence and critical reasoning. The competition fostered an engaging and insightful discussion, drawing attention to the nuanced perspectives surrounding the policy of reservations for backward communities. While the *for* team emphasized the necessity of reservations in addressing historical injustices and ensuring equality, the *against* team highlighted concerns about perpetuating dependency, inefficiencies, and the potential hindrance to merit-based progress.

After a spirited exchange of ideas and counterarguments, the judges—Ms. Rangbenkumla Chang, Ms. Imnaula Kechular, and Ms. Dekhingpila Sangtam, all Assistant Professors deliberated on the performances. Ultimately, the team arguing *against* the motion was declared the winner of the debate.





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