

Kanitta Yampochai 2007: Role of Cultural Capital and Community Economic Development in Tambon Takook, Amphoe Bantak, Changwat Tak. Master of Arts (Social Development), Major Field: Social Development, Interdisciplinary Graduate Program. Thesis Advisor: Mr.Porntep Patananurak, M.A. 167 pages.

The purposes of the research were to study the cultural capital characteristic, the economic structure of Takook community, and to analyse and evaluate the role of the cultural capital which affected to the economic development of the community. Qualitative data collection was used composing of documentary information, in-depth interviewing the people in the target group who could give the cultural capital information, or participation in community economic activities of the community. Besides, the data was collected by a participant and a non-participant observation at Tambol Takook Community, Amphoe Bantak, Changwat Tak.

The finding showed that Takook community had various knowledge. It had been accumulative and successive for years until it turned into intellectual in many aspects. One of them was handicraft that transferred concretely as palm hats, certain pattern fabrics, knives, and coconut shell products. Others were agricultural intellectual such as collecting palm nectar, getting laccifer lacca, and fishing, while some involved community organizational intellectual. These could be seen in land providing process, natural resource management, and cooperation. Tradition, Moreover, belief and ritual were cultural capital of Takook community. These cultural capital were developed to serve the economic structure in production, trading, employment, and well-being relevant to the family and community and marketing demand.

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