

ABSTRACT

Thesis Title : Political Participation of Local Leaders : A Case Study of
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The objective of this research is to study the political participation of local leaders. The samples of this survey research consist of 150 local leaders in Muang District of Phuket Province. These leaders include district headmen, village headmen, assistant village headmen, district inspectors, village committee, sub-district administrative committee, village women development committee, members of the provincial council , member of municipality council as well as male and female inhabitants.

The summary of research findings is as follows :

1. As a whole , the local leaders share the moderate level on the political participation in all respects. The highest average of the participation is political interest , followed by political information pursuit and the lowest average is the application to run in an election.

2. The result of the testing of the hypothesis concerning political participation of local leaders with different background reveals that the local leaders with differences in age, marital status , education, occupation, monthly income , and political background of the family are responsible for differences in the average of the political participation in respect of interest, going to polling booth, political post, participation in political activities, and keeping up with current events.

3. The result of the testing of the hypothesis concerning the average comparison of the political participation of the local leaders who are members of different social groups reveals that the local leaders with membership of various social groups exhibit different political participation in respect of application to run in an election and for a political post.

4. The result of the testing of the hypothesis concerning the average comparison of the political participation of the local leaders who play different roles in the community reveals that local leaders with different roles in respect of voting, position, activities and information pursuit.

5. The result of the testing of the hypothesis concerning the straight line relations between values or beliefs about the political role of women reveals that values or beliefs about women roles on politics , leadership and social status share the straight line relations with the political participation in respect of interest, application to run in an election, participation in activities and keeping information up with current events.