## ABSTRACT

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Behaviors of Ramkhamhaeng University's Students

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This thesis involves the study of communication behaviors and degree of political participation of Ramkhamhaeng University's students by using a survey research method. The investigation was based on a sample of 404 students from various departments in the university. The research findings are as follows:

- 1. The sample's characteristics such as sex, age and department affiliation are related to the degree of political participation.
- 2. The relationship between communication behavior and political participation can be specified as follows:
- 2.1 The level of political participation behavior is high among the group of students who always communicate with one another about political events.

- 2.2 The level of political participation behavior is low among the group of students who always communicate with one another about political events.
- 2.3 The level of political participation behavior is high among the group of students who read newspaper everyday.
- 2.4 The level of political participation behavior is about average among the group of students who watch television everyday.