

ABSTRACT

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A Case Study of Pakpraek Municipality

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Political participation is one of the key factor to explain how people are interested in politics. The thesis is aimed at local political participation in sub-district (Tambol) of Park-Praek, Tong - Song district, Nakornsridhamaraj province. Major aims of this study are to conduct both survey and participatory researchs to test how much of the villagers are willing to participate in local politics. In additions, as have been observed by the researcher, most local people in this area are politically actives, they usually reads news, talks politics and follow up what going on in national government and the local activities alike. As a result, the survey is aiming to seek correlation of people's socio-economic backgrounds and the rate of participation.

The results the study are as follows: (1) Eventhough most of the local people are actively in politics and eager to seek information, however, they are less likely to get information stright from government or have less chance to listen to local news. (2) Ages, education and income are correlated with people's political participation.