

## **ABSTRACT**

Thesis Title : The Evaluation of Decentralization Policy : A Case Study of  
Sub-District Administrative Organizations in Koksumrong  
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The purposes of this research are as follows :

1) Evaluating decentralization policy of Sub-district Administrative Organization (SAO.) in order to be the training institution using for democracy learning, in response for demand to solve economic, social, and culture problems. In this case, it is necessary for the SAO to have the budget for local development and local administration,

2) Evaluating the SAO's factors such as organization, leadership, administration, officers, and people,

3) Analyzing factors affecting effectiveness of decentralization policy of SAO, and

4) Exploring solutions that will improve the operations of SAO. The research is done on a survey- research basis with 410 sampling groups of 6 sub-districts from 13 sub-districts in Koksumrong District, Lopburi Province.

The results of the research showed that :

1. Organization factors were different according to particular SAO which had significant relationship to the success of decentralization policy. In addition, it had significant relationship to training institute, democracy learning, working group, responses to demand in every sides and ability to collect taxes. However has no significant relationship to people's election knowledge, and

2. Hypothesis testing results revealed that people with different educational levels and occupations had different opinions on objective achievements of decentralization policy. Moreover, people with different genders and ages had same opinion on objective achievements of decentralization policy.