

ABSTRACT

**Thesis Title : People's Participation in Community Cultural Preservation :
A Case Study of Mon's Barn Khor-Kret Parkred
District Nontaburi**

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This thesis aims to study 4 aspects notably

1. The history and background of Morns community at Ban Khor-Kret.
2. Characteristics of people participation in cultural heritage preservation.
3. Levels of their participation in preserving their culture.
4. Finally to compare the relationship between economic and social background of the people and their participation in the presentation of community culture.

The research methodology used in this thesis is a combination of documentary survey research by using questionnaires randomly distributed to 120 persons and also by interviewing leaders community's within the area of mom's Barn Kor-Kret, Pakred district, Nontaburi province.

The result of this study can be summarized as follow

1. Morns community began to settle down at Ban Khor-Kret, Ayuthaya period and has developed skill in pottery making for living. Peaceful people, Morns are devout Buddhists as manifested by many beautiful temples that had been built and left as cultural heritage.

2. Their massive participation in preserving community's cultural tradition is mainly on merit ceremony, celebrated during annual Songkran Festival, which is a traditional day to pay respect to their elders and ancestors besides the cremation ceremony that attracts people assist will fully

3. The level of participation in cultural preservation has an average mean which shows that Morns still inherit their cultural practices despite changes caused by globalization.

4. The result of Chi-square test, which in statistic term levels at 0.05, found that Gender, Age, and Profession has no relationship with participation in community cultural preservation. However, education is related with level of participation which can be interpret that educated Morns are drown out of the community by profession and modern lifestyle.