

ABSTRACT

Thesis Title : People's participation and perception of the subdistrict administration organization (SAO) authority: The case study of Wang Noi District Pranakornsiayutthaya Province

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This research has two objectives: The first one is to study the level of knowledge of citizens with regard to the role of subdistrict administrative organizations (SAOs) and their participation. The second one is to study the relationship between their background aspects such as sex, age, education, income level, etc., and their level of knowledge and participation.

The research took the samples of 156 citizens from the SAOs in Wang Noi District, Ayudhya Province and the analysis was relied on the use of Chi-square statistics.

This thesis found that citizens in Wang Noi District were active in their level of participation in almost all aspects of the activities organized by SAOs. The majority of them took part in election and persuading others to exercise their electoral rights. They also constantly informed SAOs about their demands. As an overall picture, the majority of them had correct understanding about the role of SAOs.

This research also found that the citizens' participation in the SAOs' administration were related to their background of sex, education, income, residing location, and information. Age and working place were not related. As for their understanding of the role of SAOs, sex, income, residing location, working place, and information were significantly related, except age and education.

This study suggests that in order to increase the level of popular participation in the SAOs' administration, government agencies should carry out more campaign in order to give more knowledge and information to the public about the significant role of SAOs.