

ABSTRACT

Thesis Title : Knowledge and Understanding about Role of the Subdistrict
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The objectives of this research were to investigate the knowledge and understanding of leaders of the sub-district administrative organizations toward their role and authority. It also explored the factors which affected their perception.

A sample of 182 leaders were drawn from Sub-district administrative organizations in Thung Song District, Nakonsrithammarat Province, and purposive sampling method was used. The data were collected through self-administered questionnaires and the analysis was based on t-test and One-Way ANOVA.

The research findings are as follows:

1. The level of knowledge and understanding on the role and authority of the leaders of Sub-district administrative organizations was moderate.

2. The factors which affected their knowledge and understanding were found to be statistically significant at the level of 0.05. But there was some difference in the analysis of each individual factor in the following manner:

2.1 Sex was unrelated to the leaders' perception of their role and authority.

2.2 Age was also unrelated to the leaders' perception of their role and authority, with the exception that it was related to their perception about their own activities.

2.3 The difference in education level did not reflect the difference of their perception. Their level of education might be different, but their perception might be similar.

2.4 Although leaders of the sub-district administration organization had different occupations, they had similar perception.

2.5 Different in the official status of these leaders did not reflect in their similar perception.

2.6 Although these leaders had different duration in office, their perception was no different.