

## ABSTRACT

Thesis Title : Student Leaders' Motivation of Political Participation in University : A Case Study of the Student Council and the Student Union of Ramkhamhaeng University in 1997

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A sample of 76 members of the Student Council and the Committee of the Student Union of Ramkhamhaeng University in 1997 was used in this survey research using questionnaires to collect the data. The researcher also used in depth interview to get some detailed data from 8 relevant advisers of various student clubs.

The research finding are as follows ;

1. The student leaders who were candidates in the Student Council and Union elections had various motivations :

- 1.1 To do whatever valuable things for the university and students, including protection for the student rights. Someone, however, also wanted to get the budget from the university for other benefits.

1.2 To gain experiences from student activities that might be useful for working lives or being the politician in the future.

1.3 Being held in high esteem by other people.

2. The hypotheses testing results are that ;

2.1 A number of education years, present positions in the Student Council or Union, times of elected succession, the former memberships of other student parties and the motivation for the esteem are related to the student leaders' political participation in the university.

2.2 Sex, faculties, the present memberships of the student party and clubs, categories of the affiliated student clubs, the motivations for power, social justice, success and psychological needs are not related to the student leaders' political participation in the university.