ABSTRACT

Thesis Title   :   Knowledge Understanding and Attitudes of Local Leaders in Nonthaburi Province on Environmental Problems and Policies : A Case Study of Sainoi District Nonthaburi Province

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This research has as its objective to learn about the level of knowledge, understanding and attitudes of local leaders in Nonthaburi Province on environmental problems and policies. The target population of this research is divided into 2 groups. The first one consists of 83 government and public enterprise officials.

The second one includes 120 members of Subdistrict or Tambon Council. Two sets of questionnaires were used in data collection from each target group.

The research findings are as follows ;

1. Target groups in Sainoi District, Nonthaburi Province have highly acquired knowledge and understanding on environment problems and policies.

2. Target groups in Sainoi District have a highly positive attitude toward environment problems and policies.

3. Backgrounds such as sex and career of target groups and public enterprise offcials were found not to have any impact on knowledge understanding and attitudes on environment problems and policies.

4. Age backgrounds of government public enterprise offcials were found to have impact on knowledge understanding on enviroment problems and policies. However, it was also found that educational backgrounds of Subdistrict council's members has impact on them.

5. It was found that experiences and chances to recieve information concerning environment problems and policies of targeted groups mostly does not have any impact on their knowledge understanding and attitudes. There are

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some variables only that have impacts on attitudes of Subdistrict Council's members who used to face with environment problem such as gabage disposal problem.