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Aimed at identifying community elite, its membership qualifications and its power relationship of two Tambons in Prachuab Khiri Khan province, this study finds that apart from occupying important positions in their community, the member of elite in each community have high level of education and income, big plots of land, close connection with government officials, opinion leadership and familial relation with the old elite.

power relationship within the elite is quite close particularly among the top members. As a result of the pyramid-shaped structure of power, decision-making and authority in each community and its Tambon Administrative Organization have been monopolized by few members of the elite.

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