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The purpose of this research is to study the significant factors influencing the acceptance of political role of women in Phayao province. The hypothesis are derived from theories of leadership, political culture, and political participation in order to examine the influencing factors, from the highest to the lowest, regarding the acceptance of political role of women. They are as following : 1) political participation 2) performance of political role, 3) leadership, 4) the acceptance of role and status, 5) performance of administration.

The method employed here is a survey research. The data is collected from random sampling of 365 questionnaire from the population research in Phayao province. Besides the interviews of female political leaders, the female representatives are done to increase of this research.

The results of the study confirm some of the hypothesis. All five factors stated above are relevant of the actualization of the acceptance of the political role of women in Phayao province. With regard to its statistic significations, the correlation is at the medium level. However, when set the values of the correlation in order from the most significant to the lowest, the result differs from the hypothesis. The correlation set from the highest to the lowest is as following : 1) the acceptance of role and status, 2) performance of administration, 3) political participation, 4) leadership, 5) performance of political role.

The research indicates that what has been stated above can fairly explain the acceptance of political of women in Phayao province. However, some details must be appropriately examined from the empirical research before it can be used in any specific case study in the future.

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