INDIVIDUAL PROJECT TITLE : FACTORS RELEVANT TO THE CANDIDATURE

FOR SUBDISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

ORGANIZATION COUNCIL IN MUANG

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ABSTRACT

The objective of the research were to study the general characteristics of the factors of exemplified candidates for the election and the factors relevant to the candidature for the subdistrict administration organization council. It was a quantitative research study, and questionnaires were used to obtain the data from the sample groups consisting of 400 participants: 123 candidates for the election and 277 non-candidates. All of them represented the people who had the right to run for the election in 11 tambons which have been set up as administrative organizations in Muang District, Khon Kaen in 1996. The Statistical Package for Social Sciences or SPSS/PC was used for data analysis by means of percentage and Chi-Square. The results of the study could be summarized as follows:

1.General characteristics of the exemplified candidates were 45-54-year-old males who finished Prathomsuksa 4. They are farmers with low income of less than 3,000 baht per month; they have lived in the villages for over five years; their parents have no political positions. Their perception of political capacity was at the average level. Most of them considered the public profit at a high level, and the personal profit at the average level; they had political experience at the

tambon or village level; they were aware of the subdistrict administrative organization at the average level. Additionally, they have knowledge of the organization before the candidature at the average level.

2. The factors relevant to the candidature were sex, age, education, career, income, perception of one's political capacity, parents' political positions, aims of public profit, political experience at the tambon or village level, and perception of the subdistrict administrative organization. They were significantly relevant to the candidature at the statistical level of 0.05

On the contrary, the length of time living in the villages, the level of personal profit, and the knowledge of the subdistrict administrative organization were not significantly relevant to the candidature at the statistical level of 0.05