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This study investigates the factors contributing to public participation in local affairs using the village water supply projects in two districts of Nakhon Phanom province as case studies, including problems and obstacles of the public participation in the case.

Research population covers the population of 244 villages in two districts, using 5 villagers in each of 244 villages as the research sample, thus making up 1,220 sample cases. Observation and data collection were made during July through August 1996.

The study finds that significant factors contributing to public participation in local affairs are leadership, managerial style of state officials, socio-economic factors, gains local people case expect. Local participation is the base on which people can have democratic vision, political socialization, and political culture, All of which lead to active in democratic process both at local and national levels.

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