

M.A. Political Science

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The objectives of the thesis title, "Politics of the Budgetary Process in Tambon Administrative Organization" are : 1) to study the budgetary allocation process in Tambon Administrative Organization organized in 1995 and 1996 and 2) to analyze political factors that have input on the budgetary process in Tambon Administrative Organization

Data are collected from 1,242 councillors in 138 Tambon Administrative Organization (TAO.). Include, Chairman of the TAO executive board, Chairman of the TAO council, Member of the TAO executive board, councillors and TAO chief administrator.

The study is found that :

1. In allocating budget, The TAO did not abide by Tambon Development Plan or extra ordinary need, but it was based on politics, power, influence and patronage system. Hence, it can conclude that the TAO did not use Tambon Development Plan in their allocation of budget.
2. Most of the influential persons, in particular the Chairman of the TAO executive board play important role in budgetary allocation process.

3. Interpersonal relationship, in particular the patron – client relationship is a major factor in the process.