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This research aims at studying the evolution of community and floating market of Damnoen Saduak which its patterns and roles has been changed period by period, by studying through the process of change and projecting the future trend in order to be the target of the community and floating market of Damnoen Saduak conservation.

It was found that the pattern of the water community is the distinguished figure of Damnoen Saduak Community. Its characteristics is the horticulture community which depends on water in every aspect, such as settlements, cultivations, consuming, transportation and other concerning activities. The canal-side commercial district and the floating market are the major centers of the community. The changes were taken place after the opening of the community's communication and business world. The road system becomes more influenced than the water network and effects to the community as a whole. First is, the community's pattern was changed, the community center was shifted from the canal-side commercial district to the road-side. Second is, the role of the floating market in being the community's commercial center was declining and was adjusted to be the tourist attraction by the current of tourist culture which is much influenced to the patterns of the floating market's activities at present. Third is, the activities and the traditional way of life was changed. One part is still being the community's business, but the other part has become to the business for tourism.

As a result of shifting from the water community to the on-land community, the relationship between the community and the floating market are less dependent where the local culture in the floating market community are being possessed by the tourist culture. This has led to the loss of the community's unique. Therefore, the development guidelines for the floating market and the community are to maintain the structure of the water community and make an announcement for the floating market to be the special zone for cultural conservation in order to maintain the community of Thai traditional merit.