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The research problem for this study is, what are the factors causing Buddhist activities participation of Prince of Songkla University students, Pattani campus? The hypotheses are:

1. Female students participate in Buddhist activities more than male ones.
2. Students of higher standing (3rd & 4th year students) participate in Buddhist activities more than those of lower standing.
3. Students from rural areas participate in Buddhist activities more than those from urban areas.
4. Students of lower economic status participate in Buddhist activities more than those of higher economic status.
5. Students from agricultural families participate in Buddhist activities more than those of non-agricultural families.
6. Students of lower education parents participate in Buddhist activities more than those of higher education parents.

Empirical data for the testimony of the stated hypothesis were solicited from 400 of all class students of Humanities and Social Science and Education faculties, Prince of Songkla University Pattani campus. All the hypotheses were statistically tested and found that 4 out of 6 hypotheses were supported while number 2, and number 5, refuted.

The study then proposes some implications for practical policy to promote Buddhist activities among students and a more efficient research work of the same topic to be conducted in the future.