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The research titled of Community Cultural Adaptation in Sirikit Reservoir, Uttaradit Province had 3 objectives. Firstly, to study population, economic, cultural aspects of the community. Secondly, to study community, to study community's adaptation process. And finally to analyse the changes of people's way of life related to the development value within community.

This is a qualitative research using documentary, in-depth interview with target group and focus group discussion on the concerned target population. Participatory observation and non-participatory observation were also used for 134 persons at Moo 9 Ban Ta Rua, Tambon Thapla, Amphoe Thapla and Uttaradit Province.

The result of the study revealed that villagers who were suffered and effected from the Sirikit Dam construction must be transferred to the new location provided by Government. Later on, they received a compensate money and new resident at self-help land settlement site along the Nan River. However, the new physical and social land settlement site was not suitable for villagers causing breakdown and disintegration of family's ties. Consequently, villagers migrated to a new area. Some villagers have formed their groups to solve their problems using local wisdom and community power for survival in their daily life. Up until the villagers decided again to move into a new more suitable habitation around Sirikit Reservoir which have been developed into a new village called Tarua at present. Villagers who were situated at Sirikit Reservoir have no land right and must adapt to such new environment. The adaptation occurred fell into 3 dimensions: environmental, occupational and traditional which include ceremonial and belief system.

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