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The objective of this research is to study the political activity and political participation of Ramkhamhaeng University Student Union. Particularly, it is the relationship between self-observation and political environment whether it is able to facilitate political role and have to assist or to constrain the political behavior of the Ramkhamhaeng University Student Union.

The methodology of this study is based chiefly on field research and data collection from observation, interviews, and documentary informations of four student party members and 7 persons were interviewed accordingly this research is both analytical descriptive from data.

The result of this study shows that role of the political participation of Ramkhamhaeng Students is still at low level, only some student groups were able to participate. This results from internal and external groups which could play role and interfere in the student activities undertaken for their objectives.

As for the political participation of Ramkhamhaeng University Student Union, they play role in kind of student group identified political activities by several situations. Political institutions, both internal and external, play role of interest exchange and political activity characterized in term of political lobbying.