

OVAT SUTTANARAK : ROLES OF CHANGE AGENTS IN ORGANIZING EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY SELF-RELIANCE BY MEANS OF PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION. THESI ADVISORS : ASSO. PROF. OONTA NOPAKUN AND UTHAI DULYAKASEM, Ph.D.235 PP.

This research was mainly aimed to study the two roles of change agents in organizing education for community self-reliance. Namely, their roles were concerned with developing consciousness for community self-reliance and organizing people's organization to support community self-reliance by means of people's participation. In addition, the another purpose of this research was to study the impacts of the roles of the change agents as mentioned on changes in community's integrated farming.

The findings can be summarized as follows :

1. The consciousness development role of the change agents was mostly informal and depends on their own leadership characteristics. These leadership characteristics were demonstrated in 5 ways; being the leader of change agents group, being the leader in agricultural technology development, being the leader in creative thinking, being the leaders in practice, and being the leaders in communication. The change agents employed three strategies to develop consciousness for community self-reliance. They were demonstration, idea stimulation, and giving knowledge. All strategies were informally inter-related.

2. The change agents organized two people's organizations to support community self-reliance, namely the Aquaculture Group and the Fertilizer Group. The change agents in the Aquaculture Group cooperated with some government officers to organize group. However, this group failed to operate independently without government officers' control since most people in the group are usually reluctant in participation. As for the Fertilizer Group, change agents can perform as a core group in organizing group and most people highly participate in every steps of the operation.

3. The impacts of the roles mentioned on changes in community's integrated farming is insignificant. The failure may be attributed to the lack of a suitable organization among change agents. Because of this drawback, change agents are unable to improve their roles to become some sufficient conditions on changes in community's integrated farming.