

Abstract

This is a study of social capital used for developing Ban Hinkhong community, Moo 8, Nong Kham, Amphur Sriracha, Chonburi with the purpose of studying the progress of the community's development and of investigating the process of social capital affecting the development of Ban Hinkhong community. This study is a qualitative study; both formal and informal interviews with the sample groups in the community were used as the main instrument of the study for collecting data. Also, in the last part of the study the data was descriptively analyzed and presented by illustrating charts showing the process of social capital, which occurred in each period of the operational process.

From the results and findings of the study, it is found that the social capital used in developing Ban Hinkhong community consists of various components such as strong leaders, kinships (system of relatives) helping to establish different levels of network relationships among individuals, groups, communities, and societies, and even cultures and traditions, which bring about people's self-reliance and dependency. This is the power's combination of people in the community, which results in the continual increase of the leaders' development, one component of the social capital. Furthermore, it also reflects the community's preparation for developing the community's strength and stability. Moreover, this can create social power of people in the community in solving arising problems together, the community's strength, and the stable development. Those results and findings were obviously seen from the community's success in overcoming the obstacle arising in the situation of economic crisis; that is, it took only a short time in turning the crisis into the sufficient economy. Besides, it is found that Ban Hinkhong community has constantly created new leaders by playing some roles in various kinds of activities in the community. This, thus, reflects the preparation for the development of strong and permanent community.

From the study, it is recommended that to continually create the new generation leaders, they should expertise in various areas of knowledge particularly in the community's history, background, and solutions to the problems arising in the

community in order that the realization of the community's importance will be instilled into the new generation people. For other communities having only a particular outstanding component of social capital, it is suggested that they develop other components of social capital. The recommendation for further research is that in the communities that political election is held, the reasons and effects of the competition in local political dimension affecting the relationships in the system of relatives (kinship) and in members in the community should be explored. As this action can be connected with the relationships between the social capital and the local political system, the new aspects of social capital's concepts in the dimension of competitive conflict and the competition in taking an advantage of local political system having an effect on the concepts of social capital can be reached.