

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : The attitudes of local administrative officers towards
environmental protection : In the case of Amphoe
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The purposes of this study have two material purposes are : 1) studying the level of attitudes of local administrative officers towards environmental protection 2) studying factors effecting the level of their attitudes toward environmental protection.

The sampling subject group under this study were sub-district headmen, village headmen, sub-district medical practitioner, assistant sub-district headmen, and assistant village headmen of Amphoe Sai Thong Wattana Changwat Kamphaengphet, covering total 3 sub-districts, 37 villages, with total number of 120 persons altogether.

The study was conducted by the Author on the attitudes of sampling subject group whose natures of background on social, exposure to information and community environments were different, was with the results that local administrative officers were with a very high level of attitude on the defensive and maintenance dimensions, as well as cognitive, temperament, and behavioral dimensions which were also with a relative high level, whereby it was found that the cognition on environmental protection was with the highest value. The next subsequent high level ones were behavioral factors toward environmental protection and temperament factors towards environmental protection respectively.

The result of the test of hypothesis found that the variables on age, duration of office of the incumbents, education background, income revenue, duration of residential period within the village, defensive training, environmental maintenance were not correlated with the attitudes of the local administrative officers and the variables on discussion with others on environmental protection and maintenance were correlated with the attitudes of the local administrative officers.

Recommendations were consisted:

1. General recommendation:

1.1 The government sector and private sector should apply the "Community Process" which is the consolidation of the general population, community leaders of all professions in the locality to mutually participate, discuss and express their viewpoints, suggesting recommendation.

1.2 The government sector and private sector should analyze the problems

and guidelines for resolution solution of environmental problems. The operation of the local administrative officers should be fully supported especially by the sub-district administration organization on the budget and management.

1.1 The government sector and private sector should approve the curriculum on training and method of arranging of activities shall be improved to expand extensively so that the people shall have a decent attitudes towards environmental protection the same way as it was regarded by local administrative officers.

1.2 A promotion should be made for the local government authority such as members of the sub-district administration organization etc. to have a good attitude towards environmental protection.

2. In respect of recommendation for next potential studies were :

2.1 Comprised of the study why the local people are still with environmental problems especially on application of chemicals despite the fact that the local administrative officers were sub-district headmen, village headmen, sub-district medical practitioner, assistant sub-district headmen, and assistant village headmen who are authorities in the level of sub-district and village are very close to environments and are with relatively high level of attitudes toward environmental protection.

2.2 To study on the level of attitudes of members of the local government organizations such as sub-district administration organization, sub-district municipality etc. as to how it is rate, as well as how the implementation of correction of environmental problems by local governmental organizations as to how has it been progressed and what are the anticipation of let or hindrance they expect and experience.