

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : Opinions of Tambon Administrative Organizations' Project Administrators on the Expansion of the Projects to Promote the Use of Water for Sufficiency Economy: A Case Study of the Office of Accelerated Rural Development, Lop Buri Province

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The objectives of study were : 1) Opinions of the project administrators of Tambon Administrative Organizations on the need to expand the projects of the Accelerated Rural Development Department at the Lop Buri office during the years 2002 to 2006. 2) Opinions of project administrators of Tambon Administrative Organizations on restrictions and obstacles on management resources of Tambon Administrative Organizations, which may occur if Tambon Administrative Organizations have to support the projects during 2002 to 2006; as well as solutions to such problems. 3) Opinions of Tambon Administrative Organizations on management methods of project administrators of Tambon Administrative Organizations so that the expansion of the projects during 2002 to 2006 will have the utmost efficiency. 4) Factors, which were relative to opinions of directors of Tambon Administrative organizations' projects, on the expansion of the projects of the Accelerated Rural Development during 2002 to 2006.

Sampling populations were project administrators of Tambon Administrative Organizations, such as presidents and clerks of 114 Tambon administrative Organizations in Lop Buri. Tools used in information gathering were questionnaires. Statistic methods used in analyzing the information were percentage and qui-square.

The study found that:

1) A rather high percentage of the directors of Tambon Administrative Organizations' projects wanted the Lop Buri office of the Accelerated Rural

Development Department to support projects during 2002 to 2006.

2) The directors of the projects believe that there will be several restrictions and obstacles on the management resources of Tambon Administrative organizations if the organizations have to support the projects during 2002 to 2006. The restrictions include budget constraints, personnel shortage, shortage on equipment and vehicles. The directors proposed several solutions such as a proposal for the government to provide measures to help local administrations increase their efficiency in planning, budgeting, fiscal management and investment. The directors think the government should also promote the role of organizations, federations, communities and the people in carrying out projects as well as establishing mechanism to monitor and follow up on the efficiency of projects.

3) The project administrators have several opinions on management methods to ensure that the expansion of the projects would have best efficiency, including making annual plans and five-year plans; launching public relations campaigns on the projects; and evaluating and making reports on the projects.

4) Factors, which were relative to opinions of the directors, included backgrounds of their residence, their management skills, their experience and their works on career promotions.

Recommendations:

The researcher has two dimensions of recommendations from the study – in-depth recommendations and overall recommendations. As parts of the in-depth recommendations, the Accelerated Rural Development Department and Tambon Administrative Organizations should set up recruitment systems so that clerks of Tambon administrative organizations would come from local people in higher ratio. The Lop Buri Office of Accelerated Rural Development and tambon administrative Organizations in Lop Buri should promote and support directors of the projects to continually develop their knowledge and skills. For example, training and seminars and field trips should be held for them regularly. Tambon administrative Organizations themselves should get prepared for transfer of projects on careers training from higher authorities. The overall recommendations are divided into seven levels: national level, ministerial level, department level, provincial level, local administration level, community level and career group level.