

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : Opinion of the People along the Banks of the Pattani River toward the Waste Water Treatment Project of the Yala Municipality : A Case Study of Ban Hua Saphan Sateng and Kampongba-Ngoi Communities in Muang District, Yala Province

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The study surveyed the opinion of the people living along the banks of the Pattani River toward the waste water treatment project and to recommend a solution of the waste water problem to the agencies concerned. The data were collected from 295 households in Ban Hua Saphan Sateng and Kampongba-Ngoi communities in Yala Province. The samples accounted for 50 percent of the total population. Percentage and mean were used for data analysis.

The female samples outnumbered the male ones. The households had 1-3 members. The samples were 26-35 years old. Most were engaged in general employment or worked for private companies. Many had an income of 1,000-5,000 baht. The majority completed primary school. More than half were Muslims. They lived on the Pattani River banks for 11-20 years.

The findings were summed up below :

1. The people in both communities along the Pattani River used water from the river and thought that the river should be developed to be more useful for consumption, transport and tourism.

2. Most people highly agreed with the waste water treatment project of the Yala Municipality and thought that it should be urgently implemented : otherwise, the cost would be higher. At the same time, they thought it necessary to continuously

publicize the project to make people clearly understand it and participate more in the project implementation.

Recommendations

1. The Yala Municipality should cooperate with local organizations to promote activities related to the environmental conservation and the river development. These activities are, for example, cruising along the river, and water sports competitions so that people will love the river more.

2. In implementing the waste water treatment project, the Yala Municipality should inform the people all the steps in details so that they will see its importance and participate more in the project. Also, they will in turn see the importance of conservation and development of the Pattani River.