ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER : People Participation in the Tambol Administrative

Organization Activities: A Case Study of Muang Supanburi

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The study was conducted for two purposes : 1) to measure the people's participation in Tambol Administrative Organization activities in Muang Supanburi District, Supanburi Province, and 2) to identify the factors influencing their participation.

The sample of 360 people living in the jurisdiction of 18 Tambol Administrative Organizations in Muang Supanburi District, Supanburi Province the total of 297 copies of questionnaire, or 82.50 % were returned.

Most of the samples were males, aged 41 - 50. They completed primary education and earned a monthly income of lower than 5,000 baht. They had lived in the area under the Tambol Administration Organization for more than 5 years. They were members of coorperative groups. As a whole, they got access to news and information at a moderate level. They learned most information from journals and magazines. They agreed with the operation of the Tambol Administrative Organization at a moderate level. They agreed most that the organizations enabled all aspects of development to become efficient.

As a whole, the sample group was found to participate in the Tambol Administrative Organization at a moderate level (X=1.31) In fact, they took part in the organization operation at a moderate level in all aspects: determining the problems and planing in developing the Tambol Administrative Organization (X=1.42), following up the

results (X=1.31), participating in the operation (X=1.21), and searching the problems (X=1.20), respectively.

It was also found that sex, number of residential years, opinion about the operation of the Tambol Administration Organization and access to information significantly affected the degree of people's participation at the 0.05 level. On the other hand, age, occupation, education, income, and group membership were found to have no significant impact on their participation in the operation of the Tambol Administrative Organization at the 0.05 level.