

ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER : Role of Agricultural Extension Worker as Perceived
by Tambol Administration Organization Executive
Committee: A Case Study of Narathiwat Province

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The study of "Role of Agricultural Extension Worker as Perceived by Tambol Administration Organization Executive Committee: A Case Study of Narathiwat Province" had the following objectives;

1. to study the actual role in the present and the expected role of the Agricultural Extension Worker as perceived by Tambol Administration Organization Executive Committee,
2. to study the factors affecting the attitude of Tambol Administration Organization Executive Committee towards the actual role and the expected role of the Agricultural Extension Worker,
3. to study the problems, obstacle and guideline for solving the problems.

The data was collected by using questionnaires for 201 samples and analyzed by using percentage, average mean. The hypotheses were tested by using t-test, F-test and Pair t-test.

The result was found that most of the samples were male, age between 31-40 years, living in the southern border province, completed less than bachelor degree, being Islam, having work experience in Tambol Administration Organization Executive Committee for 1-5 years.

The study of the attitude of Tambol Administration Organization Executive Committee towards the expected role and the actual role was found that the expected role of the Agricultural Extension Worker was at a high level ($X = 2.38$), the actual role of the Agricultural Extension Worker was at a moderate level ($X = 1.79$). The expected role and the actual role were significantly different at $P = .001$.

When considering in each part, it was found that the expected role of the Agricultural Extension Worker was at a high level in the area of agricultural development and production ($X = 2.43$ and 2.40 respectively), and also was at a moderate level in the area of production supporting ($X = 2.26$). The actual role of the Agricultural Extension Worker was at a moderate level in the area of production and agricultural development ($X = 1.86$ and 1.83 respectively) and also was at a low level in the area of production supporting ($X = 1.62$). There were significantly different between the expected and actual role at $P = .001$.

The hypotheses testing result was found that the difference in sex, age, hometown, education level, religion and working experience of Tambol Administration Organization Executive Committee had no effect to the expected and actual role of the Agricultural Extension Worker at the significant level of 0.05 .