ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper: The Mobilization of the People's Participation in Crime Prevention:

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This research comprises 3 objectives, i.e., 1. To study the mobilization of people's participation in crime prevention and suppression, 2. To study relationship between the police's readiness and the mobilization of people's participation, 3. To find out problems and obstacles in mobilization of people's participation in crime prevention and suppression.

The in depth interview technique is used for data collection by interviewing 13 key-informants who are police officers involving in the mobilization of people participation and 2 people who are familiar with the mobilization. Data analysis is done with logical context description and descriptive statistic of frequency, percentage and mean.

Results of the study reveal that the positive form of people's participation is voluntarily participate to build up consciousness in co-operation for crime prevention and suppression in the community; the police has certain targets by giving information, participation in decision making and in policy formulation. Among those mobilized for participation, their first target is having joint concept of wanting to participate in solving community problems themselves, secondly, for strong grouping of people for rapid mobilization. In the monitoring step, however, the mobilization in small; core people for the mobilization are the community chairperson, the community / village committee and the national police committees for inspection and monitoring of village and police station levels. The mobilization starts with the core people and gradually expand to other people, among others.

Training for community relation increases police's knowledge, understanding and capacity in people's participation mobilization; the police involved must be willing, having consciousness in community relation work; the superiors must give high priority to the

community relation work; in order to boosting the police's morale and achievement in the people's participation mobilization. Private sectors participate by donating equipments and budget in some cases.

Among problems/obstacles in mobilization of people's participation are inadequate police personnel in community relation work; police in other functions still lack consciousness in community relation work, and other,

Recommendations emerged are training for police working in community relation and others is necessary for the success. In addition, the superiors must realize the Importance of the work and ready to lead the way.