

## ABSTRACT

**Title of Research Paper :** Potentials of strong Community  
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The study of Potentials of Strong Community : A Case Study of Communities in Amphoe Chiang Saen , Chiangrai Province has three objectives as follows:

1. To study Characteristics the Strong community its which are units the study in Amphoe Chiang Saen, Chiangrai Province.
2. To study opinion of samples on potential of strong communities to which are units of the study in Amphoe Chiang Saen, Chiangrai Province.
3. To propose recommendations or guidelines for Tambol administrative organization based on findings from the study in order to strengthen local communities.

Samples of the study are community members in Amphoe Chiang Saen, Chiangrai Province, whose communities were Community Development Department to be named as strong Communities. Indicators for strong community are considered data on basic need on community activities. This study is a survey research by using with 138 questionnaires and interviewing with 18 keyinformants questionnaire, consists of 3 parts : background of the samples t Two : Opinion of the samples on strong community. Part three : problems, obstacles and recommendations from open ended questions. The Study was during June – September 2001 The statistics used fir data analysis is descriptive.

**Findings:**

1) Characteristics of the strong communities in are knowledge, capability of and respected community leaders 2) sense of community belonging (community spirits) 3) Cultural base for community activities 4) development of community learning process 5) Community manage meant capability. Tgese factors are crucial for serenthening communities in Amphoe Chiang Saen, Chiangrai Province Inoverall picture, samples' opinion on

(1) Tambol administrative organization, community leaders and persons in community development should support learning process seriously, continually, extensively

(2) Tambol administrative organization community leaders and persons in community development extensively. Adequately and extensively.

2) In overall picture, Opinion of samples on potential of strong community is at high level ( $X=3.33$ ) while for each aspect, the study found that. Opinion on community management capability is higher than others ( $X=3.52$ ), on cultural base for community activities ( $X=3.50$ ), on knowledge and capability of community leaders ( $X=3.30$ ), on community belonging ( $X=3.20$ ) and on community learning process ( $X=3.10$ )