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PIYANUT RATTANAJARN : CHANGES IN THE TIGER PRAWN FARM COMMUNITY IN TOMBON KHANAPNAK AMPHOE PAKPHANANG NAKHONSITHAMMARAT PROVINCE.  
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This study focus on the changes in economy , society and ecology of Khanapnak community in Amphoe Pakphanang Nakhonsithammarat province. The thesis is divided into 4 parts. 1. History and ways of life of *khanapnak* community. 2. Tiger Prawn Aquaculture. 3. Its society after changes in the community's economic production process. 4. Analysis of community. Qualitative research is used as the methodology.

The studied results found that the changes in economy , society and ecology were related to the economic production of the community. In the past , the *khanapnak* community's way of life was related to nature and simple living. Once an aquatic animal project on the Tiger Prawns was introduced into the village by the government officials, community's production processes were changed to produce more for selling instead of as household consumption. At the same time ,modern production technologies were used for higher profit. It was a turning point that brought changes in the community's economy , society and ecology.

The community's production processes provoked tremendous changes especially on its ecological and economic aspects. However, the internal linkage among relatives in the community is a positive value in the middle of rapid change. It bring the community with peace and harmony rather conflict as happened else where.