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The objective of the research was to study the relationships among the personal characteristics, environmental knowledge, political knowledge, environmental participation and political participation of secondary school teachers and their satisfaction with the environmental policies of political parties. The research sample consisted of 272 teachers from 15 secondary schools in Rayong province. The survey was carried out by using interview questionnaires and indepth interview questionnaires.

Analysis of data revealed that the majority of the secondary school teachers in Rayong province had positive satisfaction with the environmental policies of the political parties. The factors that were significantly (at 0.01) related to the level of the satisfaction included sex, education level, residential area, teaching subject, environmental knowledge, political knowledge, political participation, age and access to environmental information. Data also showed that the subject of postsecondary education and environmental participation were also significant (at 0.05) factors and that income and working period were not significantly (0.05) related to the level of the satisfaction.

On the basis of the above findings, it is suggested that a number of measures should be taken to improve Rayong teachers' satisfaction with environmental policies of political parties. More environmental information should be made available through the media and teachers should have the opportunity to study in environmental training courses. Teachers should also serve as environmental consultants for the local government in order to improve political participation.