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SUBDISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE IN
KAMPHAENGPHEP PROVINCE SUBDISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESS.

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A subdistrict administration organization committee in development planning participation is an essential factor in rural development. This study addresses the ladder of participation of a subdistrict administration organization committee to plan for subdistrict development. A cross-sectional survey research approach was used. The independent variable was the ladder of participation, and the dependent variable was subdistrict development planning. The research population were the committee members of the Kamphaengphet subdistrict administration organization. Data were collected from 477 people (90.85 %) by interview between 15 February – 15 March 1999 and analyzed by Pearson's product moment correlation .

Research finding showed that majority of subdistrict administration organization committee members were male, an average age of 45 years, birthplace in Kamphaengphet, and period of times that they stayed in community was 31 years on average. More than half of the group had finished compulsory education. The committees level of participation ranged from highest (seventh step : *delegated power* and fifth step : *consultation*) to lowest (third step : *placation* and fourth step *informing*). Levels of group participation were average participation, and outstanding participation in rural development planning. Correlation showed that the ladder of participation was correlated positive, and statistically with developed planning, particularly, analysis and solving which are in accord with hypothesis. Suggestions are that the subdistrict administration organization committee regularize policy about proficient improvement and supervise rural development planning of subdistrict administration organization step by step and strictly observe the planning process.