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Participation in the general election, subject to the provisions of Thailand's New Constitution 1997, is a duty of all Thai people. People's participation is essential to a democracy. The researcher was interested in studying the opinions about the general election, subject to the provisions of the new Constitution, held by people in Bangkok Metropolis. Thus, the data was collected from in-depth interviews with 40 people of different professions, aging 18 years and over. The data was collected between January 6,1999 to February 28,1999 and was examined with both descriptive and percentile presentation.

The results of this study are as follow: 1) the sample group was composed of 18 men and 22 women. The 18-25 years and 26-33 years old age groups were equally large, with 37.5 percent of the sample population in each. 2) 47.5 percent of interviewees held bachelor degrees, and 32.5% were government officials. On the opinions of general election subject to the provisions of the constitution, it is found that the all members of the sample group agreed that voting in the election is a duty of an individual. 37.5 percent of the group have made themselves familiar with the election methods under the new Constitution, whereas 35.0 percent of the group have not closely followed the methods and 27.5 of the sample group were unfamiliar and have not been following the methods. 85.0 percent of the sample group did not understand the party-list and one-man-one-vote elections. Moreover, 75.0 percent of the sample group mentioned that the government's public relations failed to educate and communicate election regulations to the public.

Based on the findings of this research, the researcher suggested the responsible government's agencies should launch campaigns to publicize the election methods under the new Constitution to all groups of people.