

**Thesis Title**      **Role of Local Leader : A Case Study of  
"Hua Na Baan" in Nan Municipality**

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**Abstract**

The research examined the history, the structure and the administrative role of "Hua Na Baan". It also sought to understand factors affecting the effectiveness of the system. Interview schedule and questionnaire were used to collect data from municipality officials and household heads in the municipality area. Percentage difference was employed to analyse the data.

**The findings were :**

1. "Hua Na Baan" was transformed from "kamnan" and "Puhuai Baan".

2. Formerly, the structure of the system varied until the establishment of "sub-community" by the Local Administration Department.

3. The administrative role included leading community development projects, solving problems, planning and seeking assistance from the municipality, promoting cooperation and unity among community members, conserving culture and custom, endorsing official documents and coordinating with the municipality and community members in other matters.

4. Factors affecting the effectiveness of the "Hua Na Baan" system were personal characteristics and administrative ability.