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ABSTRACT

The objective of this study was to investigate levels of participation and factors relating to the participation of the community development volunteer (CDV) leaders in Lampang province regarding natural resources conservation. The subject of the study were 170 community development volunteer leaders.

The result of this study reveal that the CDV leaders still have a medium level of participation and medium level of knowledge in natural resources conservation.

The difference in participation level between sexes was statistically significantly at the 0.001 level. The difference in participation level was statistically significantly at the 0.01 level among samples who had different durations of residence in the area, social position and amount of natural resources conservation information received.

Furthermore, males, those who had two or more social position, those who had training twice or more per year, those who had higher knowledge, those who got support from government offices four times or more per month, those who resided in the area for 36-60 years, those who have been in the CDV leaders position for at least two years, and those who have received information six times or more per month, had a greater level of participation in natural resources conservation in Lampang provinces compared to other groups in the same aspects. In addition, the CDV leaders suggest that community development workers : should discuss natural resources conservation problem with the CDV leaders to clarify important issue.

It is recommended that :

1. Community development workers should support CDV leaders by joining in the decision making process from the beginning to the end of the natural resources conservation and development programs and
2. Community development workers should not only train CDV leaders on the techniques method of the participation process but also improve this knowledge on natural resources conservation and increase their skill to accomplish their work.