

Independent Study : Problems of Administration in Sanitary
Administration in Which Chairman is
Elected Member : A Case Study of Chompoo
Sanitary Administration, Muang District,
Lampang Province

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Abstract

The development of the sanitary administration which is a form of local government has begun since 1897. The Sanitary Administration Act which is a legal framework determining the roles and functions of sanitary administration was enacted in 1952. The aim was to give Thai people more rights to participate in the local government. In 1985 there was a new law concerning the sanitary administration. This law sets the rule that any sanitary administrations having 5,000,000 Baht income in the former fiscal year can have an elected chairman. This of course will give more power to the people in the local self government. In 1992, there are 51 sanitary administrations throughout the country which fall under this category. In the Northern region,

there is only one. It is the Chompoo Sanitary Administration, Muang District, Lampang Province. This research studied problems and obstacles in the administration of Chompoo Sanitary Administration, Muang District, Lampang Province. The data for this study is from two main sources : 1) relevant documents such as laws and regulations 2) interviews of 120 people. These 120 samples included the chairman of sanitary government, committee members, and sanitary administrative personnels. The study shows the following results :

1. The elected chairman of the sanitary government lack knowledge, experience and administrative skill Also the knowledge of administrative rules and fisical regulation are not adequate

2. The amount of income set up by the Ministry of Interior for a sanitary government to have an elected chairman is 5,000,000 Baht. This amount is considered too low by the samples interviewed in this study. They think that the range of the income should be around 6-7 million Baht. This will enable the administration to do more for the community.