

Abstract

The study on the "Social capital and Youth Development : A Case Study of Summer Novice Ordination Project and Phrapariyattidhamma Buddhist Education General Education Division Wat Kiatkaew Samakkhee, Si Rattana District, Si Sa Ket Province" is the qualitative study with the objective to study the development of the summer novice ordination project and Phrapariyattidhamma Buddhist Education General education Division and to study the Social Capital process in organizing those activities of Wat Kiatkaew Samakkhee.

The result of the study found that the leader's role played the great part in achieving the continuous conduct of activities, particularly for the leading monks who acted in compliance with the good conducts and worked to establish the common benefit for the public and created the prosperity to the religion and community, resulted in the villagers' acceptance and respect with faith, leading to each other's solicitude, obligation and assistance of the people in the community. These things are considered as the social capital available in the community and have been related as the process of power to drive the Temple's and community's youth development activities to success.

Furthermore, the study was also found that the religious belief system had also been affecting against the life conducting of villagers who gave their supports to the Buddhism, hoping to reach the merit benefit as their major destination, causing the villagers to willing to give assistance in support of the Temple's activities without hoping for the returns in the form of objects. In addition, the study was further found that having the same religious institute which is a temple, as the spiritual center and as a center for the villagers to commonly organize the activities as well as a place where they could exchange their views was an important factor to link all three villages together and the feeling of the same community was created and the feeling of segregation was reduced. This would result in the good conduct of activities for the Temple's development of the youths as well as community.

The important factors of the social capital process in conducting activities of Wat Kiatkaew Samakkhee consisted of the internal factor comprising of leaders,

villagers, guardians, community's belief culture, combined community ship, helping each other and sacrifice. The external factor comprised of Si Keaw Sub-district Administrative Organization and office of the National Religious Affairs who kindly allocated the budget for the Temple as well as the devout people who shared their charitable money and properties to help the Temple to meet with its objectives.