

## Abstract

The study on social capital and waste management: A Case Study of Wat Klang community, Bangkrapi, Bangkok aims to research the development of Wat Klang community from the past to the present. In addition, internal and external factors affecting the success of the waste management are also studied. However, the aspect of social capital which is consisted of thinking methods, thinking system, or self-managing system, and the management of valuable institutes in the community for instance, local wisdom, people's way of life, and relationship of people are highlighted. It can be said that the social structure in the community helps to make people trust in one another. They help one another, they share benefits, and they share the will to help solving social problems.

Participatory observation, interviews, and documentary research are utilized in this study. After all data is collected, the data is analyzed.

The study finds that there is relationship between social capital and the success of waste management in Wat Klang community.

The feeling that the people are engaged with the community (some of them have lived in the area for years), and the owning right of the lands help the local to build up the public responsibilities on their community.

Consequently, the problem of waste and garbage is one of the factors urging the local to make a use of social capital.

People in the community are from the same family i.e. they are relatives; therefore, they trust and support one another. In addition, the community leader is reliable. The leader is willing to work with people in the community. And the managing system in the community is well organized. Local wisdom is applied in activities conducted in the community. Also, benefits are well managed among community's members.

With these factors and people's participation, the problem of waste and garbage is solved.

The study also finds that the external supports from organizations are crucial for the success of Wat Klang community. These supports for example, the support on budget, material, information, cooperation etc. helps speed up the management. However, it is found that the need to solve problems should be initiated by the local; hence, the sustainable development is appeared.