

<b>Research Title</b>	Preliminary Surveys for Community Mapping and Cooperation Network Development for Strong Community Building in Khokkotao Subdistrict, Muang District, Suphanburi Province
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This mixed-method research aimed to: 1) survey and collect community baseline data in Khokkotao subdistrict, Muang district, Suphanburi province; 2) make a map of Khokkotao subdistrict, Muang district, Suphanburi province; and 3) develop a cooperation network for strong community building in Khokkotao subdistrict, Muang district, Suphanburi province. Research was divided into 2 phases as follows: Phase 1: to survey and collect baseline data from both primary and secondary sources by walking surveys and photographing, seeking information from community leaders and members and tape-recording, as well as compiling relevant documents from Khokkotao Subdistrict Administrative Organization for the benefit of community mapping. Phase 2: to develop a network for strengthening cooperation in Khokkotao subdistrict, Muang district, Suphanburi province. The research population included all community leaders and administrators in core development agencies of the area. The research instruments consisted of results of preliminary survey for community mapping, documents and audiovisual equipments for meeting, videotape and audiotape record, and a questionnaire exploring participants' expectations towards activities of Suan Dusit Rajabhat University and readiness of participants for future co-operation. Data were collected by organizing meetings with leaders and representatives from the core agencies by Appreciation Influence Control (AIC) technique and using the questionnaire to survey the meeting participants' expectation and readiness for future co-operation.

The data were analyzed by computer statistical program using frequency, percentage, population mean ( $\mu$ ) and population standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ).

The findings revealed that

1. The baseline data needed for community mapping according to the specified research objectives consisted of 7 aspects as follows: 1) accessibility into the area; 2) borders and characteristics of the area; 3) population and living conditions in the community; 4) economic conditions; 5) social conditions; 6) administration at subdistrict level; and 7) baseline data of an individual village in the area.

2. In developing a cooperation network for building strong community in Khokkotoa subdistrict, Muang district, Suphanburi province could employ meetings and the AIC technique in order to promote participants' awareness of problems. The results from the survey of meeting participants' expectation and readiness for future co-operation showed that overall, the expectation of meeting participants towards the university's operation was at a high level. The priority was to take part in community development, followed by to organize professional training for people in the community; while to provide education at graduate level for people in the community was of the least priority. Regarding the readiness for cooperation with the university, overall, the readiness of meeting participants was at a high level. The first order of readiness was to give information to Suan Dusit Rajabhat University, followed by to take part in community development with Suan Dusit Rajabhat University; while, to participate in the university activities was in the last order. In regard to the guidelines for organizing cooperative activities, most of the meeting participants agreed that the appropriate venue for organizing activities for a large group of invited people was Suphanburi campus of Suan Dusit Rajabhat University. The suitable time for organizing activities was during weekends, and the person that the university should contact to ask for participation in cooperative activities was Kamnan (Subdistrict leaders).