



People’s Participation in the Administration of Ongkarak Subdistrict Administrative Organization, Ongkarak District, Nakornnayok Province

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Abstract

The objectives of this study were two-fold : (1) to ascertain the people’s participation in the administration of Ongkarak Subdistrict Administrative Organization, Ongkarak District, Nakornnayok Province, (2) to compare the participation of people with different socioeconomic –demographic backgrounds, and (3) to offer recommendations for the enhancement of people’s participation.

The population of the study was 8,000 people and 381 people were selected as the sample of the study. The sample size was determined by resorting to Yamane’s formula. Questionnaires were used as the study tool. The collected data were analyzed using a t-test, and an F-test (one-way ANOVA).

The data analysis has brought to light the following facts :

- 1) Holistically people’s participation was found to be at a high level.
- 2) People with different personal backgrounds (sex, age, marital status, education and occupation) failed to differ in their levels of participation in the administration of Ongkarak Subdistrict Administrative Organization.
- 3) The researcher made the following recommendations : the organization should report its revenue and expenses on a monthly basis; each village should be allowed to make its demands; the budget should be made based on the people’s demands.

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History and Significance of the Problem

The Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand of B.E.2550. places emphasis on 4 principles. These include the following: 1) The protection, promotion, and extension of rights as well as freedom of the Thai people to the fullest extent; 2) to reduce the monopoly of government power, increase the power of the citizens and encourage decentralization; 3) to create political transparency and morality; and 4) to provide the citizen with an opportunity to take part in the administration of local government organizations.