

BESSH-16**People's Participation in Creating the Development Plan in Thailand**

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Abstract

The purposes of this research are to study people's participation in creating the development plan in Thailand, and 2) to find out the differences of factors concerning personal characteristics affecting such people's participation in creating the development plan. Population is 6,788 local residents in the area of Phopaisan sub-district local administration organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn province while samples include 400 local people. (Yamane, 1973) Research tool is a questionnaire. Statistics employed include descriptive statistics, percentage, and S.D. The research results disclose that the people's participation in creating development plan of sub-district local administration organization with highest average scores is participation in decision making (4.06) followed by participation in evaluation (4.04). However, the participation with lowest mean scores is participation in profit gaining (4.00). The results of comparing factors concerning personal characters and the level of participation in creating the development plan of sub-district local administration disclose that there is no statistical difference between such personal characteristics as gender, occupation and level of education, and their level of the participation. However, there is statistical difference among people with different ages and their participation in terms of operation and profit gaining. There is also statistical difference among people with different income and their participation in terms of decision making and profit gaining.

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Introduction

People's participation is regarded as international principle adopted by civilized countries as core practice for country development (Phalaunnaphat Siriwongs, 2016). Thai society, also, adopts this principle as core guideline for the development of the country especially in terms of the development of politics, administration, economy, and education with the purposes of strengthening and empowering the society with right democratic government system.

It is, therefore, necessary for every sector in the society to share their responsibilities, ideas, and decision making to solve social problems so that people can perceive and learn of people's participation continuously. This will lead to the acceptance of every part in the society concerning official administration for people's benefit and happiness. Moreover, the support of people's participation is in line with The Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand issued in the year 2550, section 87 indicating the policy concerning people's participation in 5 items as follows; encourage people's participation in 1) decision making, 2) policy and plan making, 3) educating people about the state authorizing, 4) enabling people to gain political strength, and 5) educating people about the development of politics and democratic government system.

Phopaisan sub-district local organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn Province consists of 6,788 local people, [Office of Civil Registration, 2014] most of whom are farmers, gardeners, workers, merchants, etc. However, in terms of their participation in creating the development plan of their sub-district local administration, less attention has been placed in such activities as attending the meeting, raising problems and needs of the community, and monitoring the transparency of the local administration. And this may lead to the solution of local problems which does not really serve the local people's needs. It is, therefore, necessary to study the people's participation in creating the development plan of Phopaisan sub-district local administration organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn Province with the purpose of finding guidelines to support the people's participation in creating their development plan which can satisfy the people's needs, solve the problems of community, and lead to the sustainable community development.

The purpose of this study are, therefore, 1) to study people's participation in creating the development plan of Phopaisan sub-district local administration organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn province, and 2) to find out the

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differences of factors concerning personal characteristics affecting such people's participation in creating the development plan.

Details Experimental

Population in this study includes 6,788 residents residing in the area of Phopaisan sub-district local administration organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn province. Samples include 400 local people in the area as suggested by Taro Yamane sample size, and simple random is employed to figure out samples.

Research tool is a questionnaire which is verified with content validity score at 0.05, and then it was edited and tried out with 30 samples, and the results of the try-out were analyzed to find out the validity by using Cronbach technique with coefficient scores at more than 0.8. Statistics employed are descriptive statistics to describe personal characteristic, percentage, mean, S.D. and t-test. Moreover, F-test (One way ANOVA) is employed to compare the level of the people's participation classified by their ages, occupation, income, and level of education.

Results and Discussion

The research results will be divided into 2 parts based on the research purposes, which are 1) the level of people's participation in creating the development plan of Phopaisan sub-district local administration organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn province, and 2) the differences of factors concerning personal characteristics affecting such people's participation in creating the development plan.

1) The level of people's participation in creating the development plan of Phopaisan sub-district local administration organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn province is shown in Table 1

Table 1:
The Level of Overall People's Participation in Creating the Development Plan

Aspects of People's Participation	Level of People's Participation		
	\bar{x}	S.D.	Meaning
1. Planning	4.03	0.31	High
2. Decision making	4.06	0.30	High
3. Operating	4.01	0.36	High
4. Benefit gaining	4.00	0.37	High
5. Assessing	4.04	0.34	High
Total	4.03	0.33	High

Table 1 shows the level of overall people's participation in creating the development plan of Phopaisan sub-district local administration, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn province. The aspect with the highest mean scores is people's participation in decision making (4.06) followed by people's participation in assessing. However, the aspect with lowest mean scores is people's participation in benefit gaining.

2) The differences of personal characteristic factors affecting such people's participation in creating the development plan can be classified into 6 personal characteristics, namely gender, ages, occupation, income, and education level. The results of such differences will be shown in 2-6.

Table 2:
The Comparison of Personal Characteristic Factors Affecting the People's Participation in Creating the Development Plan Classified by Gender

Aspects of People's Participation	Male (N=236)		Female (N=164)		t	p
	\bar{X}	S.D.	\bar{X}	S.D.		
1. Planning	4.06	0.33	4.01	0.35	1.49	0.24
2. Decision making	4.07	0.29	4.06	0.30	0.17	0.87
3. Operating	4.02	0.35	3.99	0.37	0.81	0.42
4. Benefit gaining	4.01	0.37	3.98	0.36	0.83	0.41
5. Assessing	4.06	0.33	4.01	0.35	1.50	0.24
Total	4.04	0.33	4.01	0.34	0.96	0.43

Table 2 shows the results of comparing personal characteristic factor concerning gender affecting the people's participation in creating the development plan of Phopaisan sub-district local administration organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn province. It is found that there are no statistical differences among people with different gender concerning their participation in creating the development plan in all aspects.

Table 3:

The Comparison of Personal Characteristic Factors Affecting the People's Participation in Creating the Development Plan Classified by Ages

Aspects	Source of Variation	SS	DF	MS	F	p
1. Planning	Differences among groups	0.291	3	0.97	1.031	0.38
	Differences within groups	37.133	396	0.094		
	Total	37.424	399			
2. Decision Making	Differences among groups	0.299	3	0.100	1.143	0.33
	Differences within groups	34.530	396	0.087		
	Total	34.829	399			
3. Operation	Differences among groups	1.539	3	0.513	4.140	0.01*
	Differences within groups	49.056	396	0.124		
	Total	50.594	399			
4. Benefit Gaining	Differences among groups	1.244	3	0.415	3.110	0.03*
	Differences within groups	52.805	396	0.133		
	Total	54.050	399			
5. Assessing	Differences among groups	0.322	3	0.107	0.940	0.42
	Differences within groups	45.205	396	0.114		
	Total	45.526	399			
Total	Differences among groups	0.739	3	0.421	2.070	0.23
	Differences within groups	43.746	396	0.110		
	Total	44.485	399			

* Statistical differences at .05

Table 3 shows the results of comparing personal characteristic factor concerning ages affecting the people's participation in creating the development plan of Phopaisan sub-district local administration organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn province. It is found that there are statistical differences among people with different ages at 0.5 in the aspects of participation in operation and benefit gaining while in all other aspects, there are no statistical differences among people with different gender concerning their participation in creating the development plan in all aspects.

Table 4:

The Comparison of Personal Characteristic Factors Affecting the People's Participation in Creating the Development Plan

Aspects	Sources of variation	SS	DF	MS	F	p
1. Planning	Differences among group	0.439	5	0.088	0.930	0.46
	Differences within groups	36.985	394	0.094		
	Total	37.424	397			
2. Decision Making	Differences among groups	0.211	5	0.042	0.481	0.80
	Differences within groups	34.618	394	0.088		
	Total	34.829	399			
3. Operation	Differences among groups	1.036	5	0.207	1.648	0.15
	Differences within groups	49.558	394	0.126		
	Total	50.594	399			
4. Benefit Gaining	Differences among groups	1.642	5	0.627	1.444	0.21
	Differences within groups	52.407	394	0.434		
	Total	54.050	399			
5. Assessing	Differences among groups	0.591	5	0.118	1.037	0.40
	Differences within groups	44.935	394	0.114		
	Total	45.526	399			
Total	Differences among groups	0.784	5	0.216	1.11	0.41
	Differences within groups	43.701	394	0.171		
	Total	44.485	399			

Classified by Occupation

Table 4 shows the results of comparing personal characteristic factor concerning occupation affecting the people's participation in creating the development plan of Phopaisan sub-district local administration organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn province. It is found that there are no statistical differences among people with different occupation concerning their participation in creating the development plan in all aspects.

Table 5:

The Comparison of Personal Characteristic Factors Affecting the People's Participation in Creating the Development Plan Classified by Income

Aspects	Source of Variance	SS	DF	MS	F	p
1. Planning	Differences among groups	0.312	3	0.104	1.105	0.35
	Differences within groups	37.112	394	0.094		
	Total	37.424	397			
2. Decision making	Differences among groups	1.065	3	0.355	4.163	0.01*
	Differences within groups	33.764	396	0.085		
	Total	34.829	399			
3. Operation	Differences among groups	0.940	3	0.313	2.500	0.06
	Differences within groups	49.654	396	0.15		
	Total	50.594	399			
4. Benefit gaining	Differences among groups	1.456	3	0.485	3.654	0.01*
	Differences within groups	52.594	396	0.133		
	Total	54.050	399			
5. Assessing	Differences among groups	0.160	3	0.53	0.465	0.71
	Differences within groups	45.367	396	0.115		
	Total	45.526	399			
Total	Differences among groups	0.787	3	0.357	2.380	0.23
	Differences within groups	43.699	396			
	Total	44.485	399	0.115		

Table 5 shows the results of comparing personal characteristic factor concerning income affecting the people's participation in creating the development plan of Phopaisan sub-district local administration organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn province. It is found that that there are statistical differences among people with different income at 0.5 in the aspects of participation in decision making and benefit gaining while in all other aspects, there are no statistical differences.

Table 6:

The Comparison of Personal Characteristic Factors Affecting the People's Participation in Creating the Development Plan Classified by Education Level

Aspects	Source of variance	SS	DF	MS	F	p
1. Planning	Differences among groups	0.503	4	0.126	1.340	0.26
	Differences within groups	36.921	393	0.094		
	Total	37.424	397			
2. Decision making	Differences among groups	0.123	4	0.031	0.350	0.84
	Differences within groups	34.706	395	0.088		
	Total	34.829	399			
3. Operation	Differences among groups	0.375	4	0.094	0.738	0.57
	Differences within groups	50.219	395	0.127		
	Total	50.594	399			
4. Benefit gaining	Differences among groups	0.460	4	0.115	0.848	0.50
	Differences within groups	5.589	395	0.135		
	Total	54.050	399			
5. Assessment	Differences among groups	0.755	4	0.189	1.666	0.16
	Differences within groups	44.771	395	0.113		
	Total	45.526	399			
Total	Differences among groups	0.443	4	0.111	0.988	0.47
	Differences within groups	34.441	395	0.112		
	Total	44.485	399			

Table 6 shows the results of comparing personal characteristic factor concerning education level affecting the people's participation in creating the development plan of Phopaisan sub-district local administration organization, Kusuman, Sakon Nakorn province. It is found that that there are no statistical differences among people with different education level in all aspects.

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