

LOCAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE IN CHOENG NOEN SUB-DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MUEANG DISTRICT, PAYONG PROVINCE.

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ABSTRACT

This research is “Local Political Participation of the people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province”. Objectives are 1). To study local political participation of the people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province. 2). To compare local political participation in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province of people with different gender, age, education level and occupation 3). To study recommendation involved local political of the people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province. This research used the Mixed Methods Research which was the quantitative and qualitative tools for data collection. Quantitative research was questionnaires while qualitative was in-depth interview. Statistics using data analysis for quantitative research was frequency, percentage, Mean, Standard Deviation, t-test, One-Way ANOVA by Scheffe’s Method and the qualitative research implemented content analysis which was descriptive research.

Research result found 1). Local political participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province was high when considered revenue found the Mean was highest such as monitor and investigate municipality work next was election and lowest Mean was management.

2). The people had difference gender, age, education level and occupation found that local political participation in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province was not different.

3). Recommendation of local political participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province found election should have seminar and training to give knowledge and make understanding about election to the people, there should have campaign to see the danger of buying right and sell votes that is the danger to the nation, there should be more the publicity of election in order that people come to use their right more and there should create standard to ensure to be fair and equitably. Management should be participation of people to acknowledge the management in order to reduce the gabs, and Monitor and Investigate municipality work should open the channel for people to follow and investigate municipality work easier and there should have municipality journal to be the mediatory between municipality and people for acknowledging of municipality work.

Keywords: Participation, Local Political, People

INTRODUCTION

Political participation in local government organization was political activities which were important because it was the grassroots or foundation closely with people most so political participation of people was more necessary self-governing of people besides local administration organization was still similar training institution caused learning, understanding and awareness the value and role of people in democracy according with principle of “governing of people, by people and for people” political participation of people still assisted to enhance economic development and society of that local administration organization which aligned with local development of self-reliance rural development; moreover, political participation of people still responded the real requirement of people in community because each local had difference included geography, topography, natural resources and occupation of people in each local so only people in local knew problem and requirement of own local. Therefore, decentralized power for own local governing to be ease the burden of government for government to management the country in important matters. In the view how to successful or failure of decentralization power for own governing local depending on political participation of people in local how much participation, interested in monitoring, controlling, investigating or proposing administration of local and are using right to election local municipality member or local administrator. [1].

Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province effected administration activities of local to align with decentralization power guideline for own local administration in order to create the progression for local depending on “participation of people” was important from election statistics in local of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province found interesting in participation activities of people in politic in area where was people using right at lower than 50 percent or around 46.84 and some part to ignore the right and their duty of management and duty to investigate work of decentralization power guideline affecting the development and objective of decentralized power of governing in democracy so observing from statistics of participants, community for specification plan, project and activity. In fiscal year 2015 found that amount of participants when compared to amount of qualified people to participate, community participants as follow the criterial lower than 50 percent or 3.25 percent. [2].

From above problem issues, researcher saw how benefit of doing research, local participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province by expectation the information from research used as the guideline in promote campaign the political participation for people next. [3].

OBJECTIVE

1. To study local political participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province.
2. To compare the local political participation in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province of people different with gender, age, education level and occupation.
3. To study recommendation involved local political of the people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province.

METHODOLOGY

Sub-Section 1 Research design

This research studied “local political participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province”. Research design in this research, the researcher used mixed method which was the quantitative research and qualitative research. Quantitative data collection was collected by questionnaires for 359 sets and for qualitative data collection was collected by in-depth interview of key informants for 10 people.

Sub-Section 2 Population, target group and key informants

For quantitative research, researcher used populations who had the election right in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province for 3,492 people, to select sampling group for 359 people from all populations. For qualitative research was in-depth interview to collect key data from the community leader, head of government and education institution manager located in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province for 10 people.

Sub-Section 3 Data analysis

Quantitative research analyzed data by using descriptive statistics program and inferential statistics and compared initial variables that affected independent variable and for qualitative research used content analysis technique which was the descriptive analysis.

RESULTS

From research of “local political participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province” concluded as the following objectives of this research.

Data analysis result of personal data of respondents for 359 people found that sampling group was female more than male which were 189 women or 52.65 percent and 170 men or 47.35 percent, most of them were age between 46 and 55 years old for 77 people or 21.45 percent then age between 26 and 35 years old for 74 people or 20.61 percent and lowest age between 18 and 25 years old for 64 people or 17.82 percent. Primary education was 30.36 percent and lowest was up to bachelor degree for 34 people or 9.84 percent, Merchant occupation for 11 people or 30.92 percent and agricultural occupation for 94 people or 26.18 percent and least amount of respondents were student for 19 people or 5.30 percent.

Research result in the opinion of local political participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province using Average (X), Percentage and Standard Deviation (S.D). Data analysis result found that respondents had the opinion of local political participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province in all 3 parts which had high level of interpretation when considered in each part found highest Mean was monitor and investigate municipality work which had high interpret level then high Mean was election had high interpret level and least was management had high interpret level when classified by each part had the following effected;

1) Election found that local political participation in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province of election had high interpret value level when considered by each article found that highest mean was have you ever suggest or promote other people to be candidate for municipality council member or mayor had high interpret value level then how much are you involved in persuading family members or other people to use their voting rights had high interpret value level and lowest value level was you

publicized to other people not buying right and selling vote in the council members election all time had the medium interpret respectively.

2) Management found that local public participation in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province of administration, interpretation result at high level when consider in each item found which item had highest Mean level was have you the participation meeting in municipality development plan such as annually development plan, how much are three year development plan, interpretation value at high level then have you participation in specification development guideline to solve and reduce problems in local, had interpretation result at high level and item was lowest Mean value as have you complaint many problems in personal and public to be suffered from municipality work had the interpretation result value at low level respectively.

3) Monitor and investigate municipality work found that local political participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Rayong Province of Monitor and investigate the municipality work, interpret result at high level when consider in each item found that item had highest Mean value was municipality promoted representative of community to join the performance investigation committee then was have you exchange conversation, criticizing with friend involving municipality work, interpretation result at high level and item had lowest Mean level was participation of people in participation the transparency, administration of management team had interpretation result at medium respectively.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

From study shown that the local political participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province for 3 parts were 1). Election 2). Management and 3). Monitor and investigate of municipality to be able explanation as follow.

Analysis result of opinion about the local political of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province found that the opinion of local political participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province totally by included 3 aspects were 1). Opinion of election 2). Management and 3). Monitor and investigate of municipality work was high level because the people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province had the knowledge and understand in local political to be high or they were in prosperous locality that was familiar with the election, campaign and well-known the local politician relevant with research of Vjitrtra Srisonrn (2017) of the participation of people to join community police project activities and publicity relationship or Phutoranadindum Police Station, Meang District, Leoi Province found that the participation in data analysis activities to study the problem of responding requirement and planning the meeting of community was high level because the people focused on the important activities for life and their asset which were interesting and taking care to community problem and through in process included relevant with research or Kaness Klinsukon (2000) studies local political participation of people in study municipality only in case where municipality change status from sanitation district in year 1999 in Chonburi found that the local political participation in high level in part of factor effected the local political were age, occupation, joining society member, getting benefit from municipality, knowledge and understand about the municipality, interested in political and political knowledge while gender, education level, income and political awareness were not the factors effected local political participation in this area.

When considered in each article of first part was election found that item with the highest Mean value was Have you ever recommended or encouraged other to run to be

elected members of municipality council or mayor that had highest Mean value, have high interpret level which can be debated that people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality related recommendation or encouragement other to run to be elected members of municipality council or mayor seem that the properly qualification and able to be representative of people who came to solve community problem before election in democracy, people had the right to freedom of expression by writing, speaking, community demonstrations in the free and fair election were an important tool to make the people cloud control political work and state power therefore, debated that democracy system gave people more freedom of expression than other regime and still had the right and duty to inspect the work of volunteer representatives to act on their behalf relevant to concept of Kanok Wongtrangarn (1985) gave the meaning of “Democracy” was government by people. The government was under the regime which had the power of the King fallen to all people (People) and there was their management power (such as in small republic of ancient time) or officer (to be the representative) elected by people. Current, it is often used to refer the state society in which citizens have right equality without investigation (right) coming from ancestor or difference (inequality) using the great power of noble titles or any privilege besides it still debated that democracy system was the rule of the people by people, for people which allowed to have 1). Freedom of assembling and meeting 2). The voice of people had been broadcast to representative 3). Freedom to form a political party that was not against the law and democracy system which had the King as the head of nation 4). Freedom of legal age to vote in an election for representative in their area included the rallying of assembly equal to Thai law as Thai population.

The lowest Mean was that you publicized to prevent others from buying voting rights in every election of the council or mayor had lowest Mean, there was the interpretation result as medium level that was probable because people in in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality still lack of publicity relation in no buying and selling the voting election; therefore, it was necessary to have a lot of information from government or the media and able to perceive, listen and see more through various communication channels. Now, there are not the buying and selling vote in an election, to accept bribe or buying and selling vote are demolition of democracy system. Incidentally, elections were important component of democracy system to make decision who or which group of people would be trusted by people so it shown that the public had yet recognize the duties of the people’s representative or representative since seeing only giving away money and voting, democracy was still lagging behind other countries which consistent with research of Nuchawadee Eisonpakdee (2002) studies the political participation with opinion of democracy: In case study of Thai Military Bank Public Company Limited where was in Bangkok Area found that TMB officer had political participation and interested in political news and had democracy idea in medium level at the same time there was an election campaign and political leadership at lowest level.

When considered in each item of second part was management found that the item had highest Mean was how much you had participation in the meeting to develop the municipality development plan such as the annual development plan and three year development plan, it was highest Mean had high interpretation level which was debated that people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality had participation in municipality development plan by joining the community with municipality to solve problem and shown the requirement of people in municipality development in order to use to be practice guideline which consistent with research of Pissamai Boonlert (2006) studied as participation of people in Nakorn Samutprakarn Municipality development plan found that people had high participation. Relationship studies between participation of people in Nakorn Samutprakarn municipality development plan and personal factor found that gender, age,

occupation, income and duration of living in community of people had no relationship during participation of people in Nakorn Samutprakarn development plan which no consistent with research of Pungtong Yotayai (2002) studied participation of people to provide in local development plan: In case study of Sud-District Administration Organization in Chiang Mai province found that people had participation to provide plan at low level saw that the people not paid attention to activities of sub-district administration organization as they should be; hence, the unit who had the role of surveillance had to pay attention and encouragement of knowledge, understand sub-district administration organization so that providing local development plan more effective.

Which lowest Mean item was have you complain various problem in personal and public matter suffered by municipality work at lowest level, had interpret result at low level that probably because people had complain problems included personal or public which were suffered by municipality work at lowest level due to municipality had well management concerned about the fair of people first caused the problem and complain less which consistent with research with Pirat Techarin (2004) said that participation which was the process which government encouraged, supported and created the opportunity for people in community such as personal, group, club, association, foundation and volunteer organization in many forms had participation to operate in one or many issues combined to achieve the target and development policy specified by participation in form collaboration and to join creating a model included development method to solve problem of community wherever the complaint and trouble or creative the benefit to community, responding requirement of community or eliminating and solving problem that delivered the need of the community.

When considered in each item of third part was monitoring and investigating of municipality work found that.

Which item had highest Mean was municipality promoted the community representative in order to be audit committee or development plan project of municipality at highest Mean value had interpretation result at high level that probably because municipality paid attention of management of people to investigate the result or development plan project of municipality for transparency and correct in operation so should inform data and details of municipality work for public to be thoroughly informed such as providing the magazine or documents which consistent with research of Jakkawan Sukmitri (2018) studied the administration according to Sungkahawatthu 4 principles of Sub-District Administration Organization Patong, Had Yai District, Songkhla Province found that the people in organization was good, smart and good moral people should perform their duties frankly, equally, honesty, emphasized accuracy consistently, good relationship with other, do not bring trouble to colleagues, fair management, understand both of commander and under subordinate, opening for everyone to show their opinions, managed by equally and fair included consistent with research of Paradorn Bothrboon (2006) studied the participation of people in village management. In case study in Wiangnonglong sub district, Lamphun Province found that people had participation in village administration at high level when considered in the form of participation at highest and high level when sorted from high to low found that people had participation to join to operation highest level, participation of promoting representative of community to investigate work and development plan project of municipality, indicated performance and showing idea at high level.

Which item had lowest level was the people to participate in investigate the transparency in administration of management team at highest level, had interpretation result at medium level that probably because mayor and alderman had the duty to control and responsible for municipality administration, municipality member and people to be able to investigate work and to open the opportunity for local people was involved in governing and carrying out local matters particularly. In this debate got that management principles in a

democratic system could be done by volunteering and selection; therefore, all work might be transparency, verifiable by councilor and people which consistent with research of Chumpol Lodjam (2010) of factor affecting the migration of labor from rural to Bangkok found that the government sector specified local development policy such as learning resources in community, hospital, communication, infrastructures, increase productivity in local production, skill development, develop landmark in community.

From local political participation of people in Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality, Mueang District, Rayong Province, there was the research result interesting in and able to summarize to be good suggestion as follow;

1) Policy

From research result in this title at high level so that development of political participation of people to be more, the researcher had recommendation as follow;

1.1) Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality should open opportunity for people to join participation in monitor and investigate of municipality work in order to transparency of work and public relation to people to be informed involved the performance or significant information and news thoroughly as well because research result found that the participation of people of monitor and investigate municipality work at highest Mean.

1.2) Choeng Noen Sub-District Municipality should support people coming to have administration roles and specified municipality development to participate in solving local problem with concrete as result of research found that participation of people of administration was high Mean level.

2) Research.

2.1) Should have participation of people to campaign for voting in election.

2.2) Should have the attitude study of people to municipality management.

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