

Thesis Title : Community’s Participation in Promoting and Preservation Local
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ABSTRACT

This thesis is to study the legal issues relating to the participation of local communities in the promotion and preservation of the community’s tourist attraction. Tourism has become a growing industry and play an important role for economic and social development of the country. The issues concerning of the Participation of Local Community, the collaboration between the State and Local citizens, and listening to community feedback are inconsistent with the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, B.E. 2550, which enacted the rights of community and the rights of a person to participate with the State and communities in the preservation and exploitation of natural resources.

The study found that Thailand has an organization that oversees the tourism in policy and operational, while tourism management are being handled by other organizations, including government agencies, private organizations, and local communities. In the practice, it has been found that each administration in the government agencies are doing individually, without any examination and evaluation system. Also they do not do track examination seriously. The policy-based management ecotourism is almost all generated by central administration. The local government organization do not participated in the formulation of policies to manage ecotourism

in corporation with central administration seriously. As a result of poor corporate management cause operating in ecotourism was not meeting the demand of the region entirely.

As problem has mentioned above, the special law need to be enacted in order to promote and preserve local tourism for local community. Especially tourism policies and plans must be created for local communities; which representatives from locality level has to be participate in consideration about tourism management policy and plan for their communities. Therefore it will be more effective and be in line of sustainable development.