

Research Title:	Communities' Participation for Subsidiary Job creation of Senior Citizens in the Hua Thale Municipality sub-district, Nakhon Ratchasima Province
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This study aimed to 1) investigate the need for vocational training to generate income for the senior citizens in Hua Thale Sub-district Municipality, Mueang District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province 2) investigate the community participation in vocational training to generate income for the senior citizens in Hua Thale Sub-district Municipality, Mueang District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province, and 3) study strategies for vocational development to generate income for senior citizens in Hua Thale Sub-district Municipality, Mueang District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province. This study used the qualitative research method. The sources of important information included 20 senior citizens, 2 community leaders, 1 Hua Thale Sub-district Municipality mayor, 1 community developer, and 1 staff from Nakhon Ratchasima Provincial Social Development and Human Security Office, totaling 25 persons. The tools used for this study were in-depth interviews and observations. The data were collected through interviews, and participatory and non-participatory observations. The data were analyzed using the content analysis method.

It was found that:

1. The senior citizens in Hua Thale Sub-district Municipality, Mueang District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province were interested in attending the vocational training to develop their vocational knowledge and skills and generate more income for themselves and their family. Most of the senior citizens wished to develop their vocational skills in making herbal compress balls, paper flowers used in the

cremation ceremony, and artificial flowers, respectively. What they needed was the support in raw materials, marketing channel, investment capital, etc.

2. The findings of community participation in vocation training to generate income for the senior citizens in Hua Thale Sub-district Municipality, Mueang District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province are as follows: (1) there was participation in planning, and attending monthly activities to share ideas among villagers and related persons (2) there was participation in operation and support of village projects and activities in a continuous manner (3) there was participation in the project service by having all the community leaders undergo vocational training with different specialization, and disseminate the knowledge to the community in order to motivate and encourage the senior citizens to develop themselves (4) there was participation in benefit management through the assignment of coordinators to continually follow up the outcomes of vocational training for the senior citizens, support the loan service for the senior citizens to be used as the investment capital, and provide them with knowledge in marketing principles.

3. Regarding strategies for vocational development to generate income for the senior citizens in Hua Thale Sub-district Municipality, Mueang District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province, we should start from recognizing the importance of vocational development for the senior citizens. Then we should encourage more gathering in different forms, create databases of the senior citizens in the village, and share knowledge and ideas to allow people in the community opportunities to join hands with other organizations or go on field trips.