

Abstract

The focal study of this thesis is " Social Movement and Organization : The Case Study of Ban Khrua Community ". The objectives of study are to analyze conditions effecting the emergence and development of this community 's organization and struggle process of the community 's members on protesting against the building of the Second Stage Expressway System Project. The study applies a qualitative research method ; participant observation , key persons in-depth interview (organizational leaders , rank and file members and Ban Khrua people in general) , supplemented with official documents and newspapers.

The outstanding point of the Ban Khrua movement is a long capable stability on fighting against state 's power. The main condition which led to quite success in their protest is social cohesion which rooted from "being Islamic" of Ban Khrua people and the community 's relative autonomy in economic , social , cultural , and political factors.

This community 's relative autonomy empowers them to resist the state policy. It is in the internal organizations which was deeply rooted from their social and cultural heritage. It has established the Strength of the community 's organization , and has been the heart-core of their movement for a lengthy period of more than ten years.

The significance of this study is the discovery of Ban Khrua community 's potentialities which have led Ban Khrua to become a leading organization in present-day social movement in Thailand. These potentialities are : (1) the adaptability of community structure to achieve the goals , such as the change of tactics to adjust their leading organization and to enrich their tactics under the involved situations ; (2) the capability to collaborate with other net-works , both Islamic and non-Islamic , to share experiences on process of movement and to seek for more alternatives of tactics in their movement. Followed with distinctive cooperative academic group who assisted them in terms of supportive moral and informations. Muslim politicians , Muslim leaders and media lend their helps hands by promoting the Ban Khrua movement to public ; and (3) the changability of tactics in movement process.

The good relation between the Ban Khrua Community organization and their collaborative groups has been the significant and decisive factor which brings success to their sustainable social movement