



<b>Thesis Title</b>	The Relations Between the Local Political Group and the Sub-communities in Chiang Mai Municipality
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### ABSTRACT

The objectives of this research were to study 1) the form of relationship between the local political group and the sub-communities, 2) the method of maintaining the relationship between the local political group and the sub-communities and 3) the exchange of interests between the local political group and the sub-communities.

Qualitative data were collected from in-depth interviews with 27 members of 3 sub-communities and 3 members of the Chiang Mai Kunnatham group who were also members of the Chiang Mai Municipality Assembly. It was hypothesized that the differences in the demographic components of the sub-communities affected the level of patronage relationship between the local political group and the sub-communities.

The findings were:

The above hypothesis was accepted. The demographic components that affected the level of patronage relationship were:

1) As for the community leaders, the level of patronage relationship between the local political group and the sub-communities was high in the sub-communities where the leaders were closely associated with the local political group.

2) As for the economic status of the sub-community members, the level of patronage relationship between the local political group and the sub-communities was high in the sub-communities where the members were poor.