



Potential of Local Administration Organizations in the Quality of Life
Development for Elderly People Based on the Southern Border Provinces
Cultural Capital: A Case Study of Yupo Subdistrict Municipality, Yala Province^{*}

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Abstract

This research had the following objectives: (1) To study the potential capacity of local government in the quality of life development of elderly people living in Southern border provinces based on the principles of cultural capital, and (2) to present recommendations for improving the capacity of local government in the quality of life development of elderly people living in Southern border provinces based on the principles of cultural capital. The study comprised a sample of 177 persons selected by group classification and simple random sampling. Data were collected using a structured questionnaire and analyzed using descriptive statistics. This study found that the capacity of local administrative organizations to improve the quality of life of the elderly based on cultural capital was at a moderate level ($\bar{X} = 3.33$; S.D. = 0.81). Capacity in terms of leadership and policy formulation scored the highest ($\bar{X} = 3.38$; S.D. = 0.84), followed by management ability ($\bar{X} = 3.33$; S.D. = 0.82), and collaboration in the form of networking and community linkages ($\bar{X} = 3.33$; S.D. = 1.00). Based on the findings from this study, in order to build the capacity of local government to improve the quality of life development for senior citizens, there was a high level of potential ($\bar{X} = 3.80$; S.D. = 0.78), and the most promising area was support for senior citizens' clubs; moreover, support for the elderly must be community-based, which would reflect the expressed needs of the elderly themselves ($\bar{X} = 3.92$; S.D. = 0.92).

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