
Questionnaire Version I

(for LAO president of Municipality and TAO)

(for President)

Name of Respondent.....
Position District (Amphoe).....
Province
Age (as of April 1 st , 2006).....
Date of Response

1. The activities and projects of the LAO

Note: In this questionnaire, LAO means, as appropriate, the City (thesaban) and TAO (Tambon Administration Organization) and Patthaya city.

QN1 Classification of this LAO

- 1 . Municipality (Thesaban) 1) Sub-district municipality
(Thesaban Tambon)
- 2) Town municipality (Thesaban Muang)
- 3) City municipality (Thesaban Nakhon)
- 2. Tambon Administration Organization (TAO)
 - Size 1) Small 2) Medium 3) Large
 - Number of villagesvillages
- 3. Phatthaya City

QN1.2 When your LAO thinks of embarking on new projects, from where and from whom does it obtain ideas? Please select the three most important sources from the list below, and rank them by writing 1, 2 or 3 in the space provided.

- Importance a) Other LAO
- Importance b) President himself
- Importance c) Local Council Members
- Importance d) Residents or people groups
- Importance e) Provincial Governor, District Chief Officer or other officials
from the Ministries.
- Importance f) Academics (Researchers, NGOs)
- Importance g) Other

2. Laws and problems of decentralization

QN2.1 In your view, how important are the following problems of work (function) transfer in the case of your LAO ? (please answer every item)

Matters	very important (4)	important (3)	not very important (2)	of no importance (1)
1. The Central government gives the LAO no notice of impending work transfers.				
2. Work transfers to the LAO occur at random times, causing confusion.				
3. Only the works are transferred, while necessary personnel and budgets are not allocated.				
4. It is not clear to whether or not related laws have been amended to allow the transferred work to go ahead.				
5. There are too many related laws that cause confusion.				
6. For some of the transferred works, duplication of responsibility between the Central Government and the LAO remains a problem				
7. Other (please specify).....)				
8. Other				

QN2.2 As regards the works already transferred to the LAO, are there any works that this LAO cannot perform as well as the Government expects?

- 1) Yes, there are.
these are 1.because.....
2.because.....
3.because.....
- 2) No, there is no work that the LAO cannot perform well.

QN2.3 What kind of work transfer would your LAO prefer to take responsibility for ?

Works	Work you want to be transferred			Not the type of work appropriate for this LAO (4)
	Want the work transfer (1)	Do not want the work transfer (2)	Not sure(3)	
1. Schools under jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education				
2. Public health centers				
2. Community hospitals or general hospitals				
4. Other (please specify).....				
5. Other (please specify).....				
6. Other (please specify).....				

QN2.4 If you want some schools to be transferred to the LAO as work, which levels of school would you like to run? (in answering, there is no need to take into account the regulations laid down by Ministry of Education) (you can choose more than one item)

1. Nursery (Child development center)
2. Kindergarten
3. Primary
4. Lower Secondary
5. Upper secondary
6. Vocational education
7. University

Please briefly explain your choice of levels

3. Role of the LAO in environmental issues

QN3.1 Has your LAO ever received any claims concerning environmental issues from the residents?

1. Yes, we have.
2. No, we haven't received such claims. (Please move to QN3.3)

QN3.2 If you have received any claims concerning the environment, what kind of problems have the claims referred to? (you may select more than one item)

1. Odors, waste water, air pollution from residents
2. Odors, waste water, air pollution from factories
3. Garbage from residents
4. Waste from factories or organizations
5. Other (please specify).....

QN3.3 Were you able to solve problems arising from odors, waste water, and air pollution caused by residents?

1. Yes, we were able to do so.
2. No, we were unable to do so.
3. No such problems arose.

QN3.4 Were you able to solve problems arising from odors, waste water, and air pollution caused by factories?

1. The LAO could solve the problem(s) by itself.
2. The LAO could solve the problem(s) by contacting other agencies in charge.
3. The LAO could not solve the problem(s) by itself.
4. No such problems have arisen (Please move to QN 3.6)

QN3.5 To solve the environmental problems caused by factories, which office or personnel did you contact? (you may choose one or more answers)

1. Provincial Governor / District Chief Officer
2. Department of Industrial Works
3. Pollution Control Department
4. Kamnan(Sub District Head)/ Village headman
5. Members of Parliament in your constituency

6. Intellectuals/Research Institute/ University
7. Other (Please specify).....

QN3.6 Were you able to solve the problems of garbage caused by residents?

1. Yes, we were able to do so.
2. No, we were unable to do so.
3. No such problems arose.

QN3.7 Were you able to solve the problem(s) of waste caused by factories ?

1. The LAO could solve the problem(s) by itself.
2. The LAO could solve the problem(s) by contacting other agencies in charge.
3. The LAO was unable to solve the problem by itself.
4. No such problems have arisen.(Please move to QN 3.9)

QN3.8 To solve waste problem(s) caused by factories, which office or personnel did you contact? (you may choose one or more answers)

1. Provincial Governor / District Chief Officer
2. Department of Industrial works
3. Pollution Control Department
4. Kamnan(Sub District Head)/ Village headman
5. Members of Parliament in your constituency
6. Intellectuals/Research Institute/ University
7. Other (Please specify).....

QN3.9 In the process of enforcing the LAO's environmental project(s), did you provide an opportunity for residents to take part in any of the projects?

1. No, I did not.
2. Yes, I did. (please specify the name of the project)

QN3.10 To find solutions of environmental problems that meet residents needs, which of the following is best placed to solve the problems? (please choose only one answer)

1. LAO
2. Kamnan/ Village headman (or community leader)
3. Both LAO and Kamnan/ Village headman (or community leader)
4. Community leader who is not Kamnan/ Village headman
5. Other (Please specify).....

4. Direct election of LAO President (or administrator)

QN4.1 How were you elected President?

1. I was selected among the council members (indirect election)
2. I was directly elected

QN4.2 Do you have it in mind to stand again as a candidate in the next LAO Presidential election?

1. Yes (Please explain why).....
2. No (Please explain why).....

QN4.3 Since the introduction of direct elections for LAO President, have any of the following changes become apparent? (Please answer every item listed in the table.).

Matters	Degree of changes		
	more than before (3)	same as before (2)	less than before (1)
1. Decisions can be made more easily and more quickly			
2. I can manage personnel matters more smoothly and with more freedom of action			
3. Passage of the local council budget ordinances has become easier			
4. Checks from the local councils have become stricter			
5. The competition for the post of chairman of the local council has intensified			
6. People show more interest in the LAO budget.			
7. People are more conscious of their rights and duties			
8. Other (Please specify)			

QN4.4 In your view, how much effect do the following factors have when it comes to winning the LAO Presidential Election? (Please answer every question)

Factors	much effect (4)	little effect (3)	no effect (2)	not sure (1)
a) Policies of the candidate				
b) People's perceptions of the personality of the candidate				
c) Team work of the executive members				
d) System of election Canvassers				
e) Support from national-level politicians (MP and Senators)				
f) Budget support from the political parties				
g) Policy support from the political parties				
h) Other (Please specify)				

QN4.5 Over the past 2 years, how often were you called upon to attend official meetings with the following persons? (please answer every question)

Type of official calling you to the meeting	Frequency of such meetings				
	Several times a month (5)	Once a month (4)	Once in 2-3 months (3)	Once or twice a year (2)	No call for meetings (1)
1. Provincial Governor or Vice Governor or Deputy Governor					
2. PAO President					
3. Other LAO President					
4. District Chief Officer or Assistant District Chief Officer					
5. Other (please specify.....)					

QN4.6 Do any public officials come to visit the LAO office for consultation on LAO activities? (Please answer every question)

Visitor	Frequencies of visit				
	Several times a month (5)	Once a month (4)	Once in 2-3 months (3)	Once or twice a year (2)	No call for meetings (1)
1. Teachers / Professors from schools					
2. Public Health Officials					
3. PAO President					
4. PAO Clerk					
5. President of other LAOs					
6. Clerk of other LAOs					
7. Kamnan, Village Headman					
8. Officials from Department of Local Administration					
9. Chief district officer or assistant chief district officers					
10. Provincial Governor(Vice Governor) /Deputy Governor					
11. Local and central government officials from other departments who come to visit you several times a month (Please specify)					
12. Officials from other organizations who come to visit you several times a month (Please specify)					

QN4.7 In the past two years, has your LAO ever given budgetary support to any of the following officials? (Please answer every question)

a) Teachers from schools

- 1) Yes In the case of.....
- 2) No, because.....

b) Public health officials

- 1) Yes In the case of.....
- 2) No, because.....

c) District chief officer or assistant chief district officers

- 1) Yes In the case of.....
- 2) No, because.....

d) Provincial Governor / Vice Governor/ other high executives of the province

- 1) Yes In the case of.....
- 2) No, because.....

e) Other public offices to which the LAO has given help

Please enter the names of the offices).....

Reason for giving support in budget).....

e) Other public offices to which the LAO has decided not to give help

Please enter the names of the offices).....

Reason for not giving support in budget).....

QN4.8 In your view, has the introduction of the administration system of the CEO governor had any effects on the working of this LAO ?

1. Has had effects (please specify).....
2. Has had no effect
3. Not sure

5. Allocation of budget to LAO from the Central Government

QN5.1 Do you think the amount of the budget allocated to LAO from the central government is sufficient?

1. Sufficient (Please move to QN5.3)
2. Not sufficient (Please answer QN5.2)

QN5.2 If the amount of budget allocated is not sufficient, which of the following works needs more budgetary support? (please choose only two items)

1. Promotion of vocational employment
2. Infrastructure development
3. Agriculture
4. Environment
5. Social welfare
6. Education
7. Community-related matters
8. Other (Please specify).....

QN5.3 Over the past two years, when your LAO was in need of greater budgetary support, from whom did you ask for help when you tried to obtain the extra

funding that was needed (in addition to the normal procedure of forwarding a budget application form to the District office and the Provincial office) ?
(you may answer one or more items from the following list)

< Asking support from >	< Results >	
	Got support for budget (1)	no support for budget (2)
1) Members of the Provincial Council (So.Jo.)		
2) The PAO President		
3) Members of Parliament (So.So.) representing the province		
4) Influential politician belonging to the government party		
5) Minister of a related ministry		
6) Provincial Governor		
7) Director General of Department/Chief of Section		
8) Budget Bureau (Pho O)		
9) Other (Please specify).....		