

ABSTRACT

**The Role of the National Municipal League of Thailand
in the Promotion of Municipal Government**

The National Municipal League of Thailand, set up in B.E. 2503 by the Ministry of Interior, is an organization which deals with problems of local government administration. The establishment of the League may be said to be one of the most important events in the municipal movement. The main objective of the National Municipal League of Thailand is to promote and encourage better practices in the administration of municipalities in Thailand. The main objective of this thesis is to determine to what degree it has helped to improve the condition of municipalities.

This thesis covers in detail the successive step in the administrative process relative to the welfare of municipalities. The study emphasized the role that the League has played in bringing benefits to the municipalities. Before the establishment of the League, the Ministry of the Interior was the only organization officially concerned with the improvement of municipalities. The National Municipal League of Thailand was created as an association of municipalities with the purpose of each helping each other. The administration of the League, however, has faced many problems and obstacles such as lack of real activity and personnel to carry out its programs effectively. Moreover, both the municipalities and the League itself are under the strict control and supervision of the Ministry of the Interior. The role of the League is also limited and confined in the scope since its actions must not conflict with Government policy.

This thesis concentrates on selected aspects to indicate how the conceived role of the League has led to progress of Thai municipalities. However, it is conceded that the improvement of municipalities has not depended solely upon the role of the League. There are many factors which share in the progress of municipalities such as government policy, interest of the people, and initiative on the part of the municipalities themselves.

The administration of National Municipal League of Thailand, since it came into existence in B.E. 2503, has been very satisfactory but there are still some defects and problems involved in its administration which need to be improved.

Since this thesis is largely based on materials and documents collected from the Local Self-Administration Division of the Department of Local Administration and the writer's observations and interviews, it is hoped that it will prove to be of some value in improving the administration in order to make the National Municipal League of Thailand more effective in its task of helping all municipalities in the Kingdom of Thailand.

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