

The Role of Nurul-Nasihah Mosque's People Development in Bangruk District, Bangkok Metropolitan

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Abstract—This research was entitled to the Role of Nurul-Nasihah Mosque's People Development in Bangruk District, Bangkok Metropolitan. It aims to study 1) To study the role of Nurul-nasihah mosque's people development in Bangruk District, Bangkok Metropolitan 2) To advise on the development of the role of the Nurul-Nasihah Mosque's People.

The study was a descriptive research. The instrument used in the study was a 5-scale questionnaire which had been examined by the five experts before being piloted. The data were collected from a population of 100 Nurul-Nasihah Mosque's People in Bangruk district, Bangkok Metropolitan. The data were analyzed by using the statistical package program to determine percentage, mean, standard deviation.

The results were as follow the role Nurul-nasihah mosque's people development in Bangruk District, Bangkok Metropolitan was overall at a moderate level ($\mu = 2.97$). When classified on the basis of each. They are moderately on all sides. The educational role ($\mu = 3.40$), the environmental role ($\mu = 3.06$), the social role ($\mu = 2.85$) and the religious role ($\mu = 2.56$) respectively.

Keywords— Role of Mosque's People, Development, Nurul-nasihah community.

I. INTRODUCTION

Background and Significance of the Problem

Pew Research Center concluded in its research "Mapping the Global Muslim Population: A Report on the Size and Distribution of the World's Muslim Population" by using the data obtained from the United Nations (UN) that in 2009 total number of Muslim population all over the world is 1.57 billion which was 23% of the world population of 6.8 billion. Muslim population is spread out in at least 120 countries. Thailand is one of the countries that have Muslim people settled down for over 400 years since Ayuthaya period. At present, there are more than 3.5 million Muslims in Thailand (Mapping the Global Muslim Population:A Report on the Size and Distribution of the World's Muslim Population, page 1).

Data from the Central Islamic Council of Thailand (Statistics of mosque registration, 2015) shows that there are total 3,722 registered mosques in Thailand (as of October 31st, 2011). There are 491 mosques in central region (25 provinces), 27 in the north east (15 provinces), 46 in the north (13 provinces), and 3,158 in the south (14 provinces) (Statistics of mosque registration, 2015). This data indicates that Muslim community scatter all over the country since mosque is the real center of Muslim. (Samran Phondee 2016, page 8).

In each mosque, an Imam is head of the committee. The committee of mosque plays significant role in administration along with cooperation from the mosque's people. Imam is selected from the persons who are believed to be moral, knowledgeable in religious practices. His regular duty is to teach people to lead their lives in accordance with religion principles, teach Quran to new generation, lead religious ceremonies in the community, as well as give advice to members of community how to live their lives in Muslim way. In addition, every Friday afternoon he will lead the weekly prayer (Jum-at) at the mosque where his two assistants Khateeb and Bilal help to set up and prepare for prayer and sermon. We can see that duties of Imam are not limited only to lead the prayer in the mosque. However, even with assistance from the committee or his team to move forward according to mosque's policy, we cannot overlook the role of mosque's people which is the most important element of community. It means participation and cooperation in activities especially suggestion and observation on the work of mosque's committee whether it is in compliance with Islamic Organization Administration ACT B.E. 2540. Without such participation, it is impossible to reach the administrative target.

Islam has mosque as a religious place having Imam and mosque's committee to lead the community. Mosque people are member of community. Mosque is a religious institution which is a sub-system of overall Thai society. Once the sub-system works well according to religious practices, it shall have positive effect on other related institutes or systems such as family, education, etc. and eventually influent the largest system, the country.

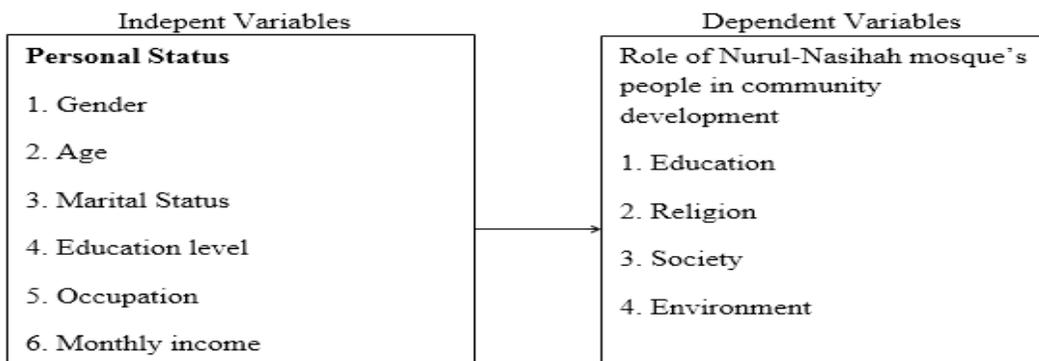
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II. RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

Objectives of this research are as follows:

1. To study role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in community development in Bang Rak District.
2. To give guidelines in improvement of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people.



III. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Findings

This research is a survey research conducted with the purpose to study the role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in community development in Bang Rak District, Bangkok. The author presents data analysis in the form of tables to clarify the discussion by separating into 2 parts as follows:

1. Analysis of the role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in community development in Bang Rak District, Bangkok.
2. Analysis of opinions on the role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in community development in Bang Rak District, Bangkok.

Mean, Standard deviation, and opinion level of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in Bang Rak District, Bangkok in total and in each dimension.

Development Role	Level of the Role			
	μ	σ	Meaning	Rank
1. Education	3.40	0.57	Moderate	1
2. Religion	2.56	0.67	Moderate	4
3. Society	2.85	0.94	Moderate	3
4. Environment	3.06	0.67	Moderate	2
Total	2.97	0.57	Moderate	

Table indicates that the role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in community development in Bang Rak District, Bangkok is moderate in total ($\mu=2.97$). When considering each dimension, the most significant role is found in Education ($\mu=3.40$) followed by Environment ($\mu=3.06$) and the least level is found in religion role ($\mu=2.56$).

Mean, Standard deviation, and opinion level of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in Bang Rak District, Bangkok in Education dimension.

Educational Role	Level of the Role			
	μ	σ	Meaning	Rank
1. Their education can be applied in the community.	3.75	0.73	High	1
2. In the community, there are people graduated from abroad.	3.11	1.19	Moderate	5
3. They help promote education in the community.	3.37	0.68	Moderate	3
4. They participate in educational training for youth.	3.42	0.74	Moderate	2
5. They have given advices about education to the community.	3.35	0.66	Moderate	4
Total	3.40	0.57	Moderate	

It is found that the role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in community development in Bang Rak District, Bangkok in education dimension is in moderate level in general ($\mu=3.40$). Factor with the highest mean is "There education can be applied in the community" ($\mu=3.75$) followed by "They participate in educational training for youth" ($\mu=3.42$), and the

lowest mean falls on "In the community there are people graduated from abroad" ($\mu=3.11$).

Mean, Standard deviation, and opinion level of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in Bang Rak District, Bangkok in Religion dimension.

Religious Role	Level of the Role			
	μ	σ	Meaning	Rank
1. They give advices to mosque's committee.	2.71	0.99	Moderate	3
2 . They are entitled to teach about religion in the mosque.	2.60	1.03	Moderate	4
3. They give opinion about difference in sects.	1.52	0.86	Low	5
4. They apply religion principles in life and also share with the community.	2.89	0.94	Moderate	2
5. They sacrifice their time with religious matters.	3.10	0.85	High	1
Total	2.28	0.65	Low	

From the table, it is shown that role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in community development in Bang Rak District, Bangkok in religion dimension is low level in general ($\mu=2.28$). When we look into each factor, the highest mean is "They sacrifice their time with religious matters" ($\mu=3.10$) followed by "They apply religion principles in life and also

share with the community" ($\mu=2.89$). The lowest mean is on "They give opinion about difference in sects" ($\mu=1.52$).

Mean, Standard deviation, and opinion level of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in Bang Rak District, Bangkok in Society dimension.

Social Role	Level of the Role			
	μ	σ	Meaning	Rank
1. They have cooperated with other community.	2.67	1.04	Moderate	4
2 . Difference in community development role comparing to neighboring communities.	2.81	1.05	Moderate	3
3. They believe their community can be a model for other communities.	3.05	1.08	Moderate	2
4. They cooperate with mosque's committee.	3.11	1.11	Moderate	1
5. Mosque's people from other community have a role in this community.	2.62	1.11	Moderate	5
Total	2.85	0.94	Moderate	

The table demonstrates that the role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in community development in Bang Rak District, Bangkok in society dimension is generally in moderate level ($\mu=2.26$). Element with the highest mean is "They cooperate with mosque's committee" ($\mu=3.11$). The second highest mean is on "They believe their community can be a model for other communities" ($\mu=3.05$). The lowest mean

is on "Mosque's people from other community have a role in this community" ($\mu=2.62$).

Mean, Standard deviation, and opinion level of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in Bang Rak District, Bangkok in Environment dimension

Environmental Role	Level of the Role			
	μ	σ	Meaning	Rank
1. They take a role to improve environment in the community.	3.08	0.71	Moderate	4
2. They participate in environmental campaigns.	3.27	3.68	Moderate	1
3. Environment in their community is different from the neighboring community.	3.10	0.88	Moderate	3
4. They behave as good example for environmental conservation.	3.13	0.77	Moderate	2
5. They take roles in environmental development in neighboring communities.	2.72	1.06	Moderate	5
Total	3.06	0.67	Moderate	

It can be seen from the table that the role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people in community development in Bang Rak District, Bangkok in environment dimension is in moderate level overall ($\mu=3.06$). Factor with the highest is "They participate in environmental campaigns" ($\mu=3.27$) followed by "They behave as good example for environmental conservation" ($\mu=3.13$). Factor with the lowest mean is "They take roles in environmental development in neighboring communities" ($\mu=2.72$).

IV. CONCLUSION

For education, the highest points related to community development role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people is education of the mosque's people can be applied in the community, followed by the mosque's people participate in educational training for youth, and the least one is there are mosque's people that graduated from abroad in the community.

For religion, the points related to community development role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people is the highest for the mosque's people sacrifice their time for religious matters. The second highest significance falls on the mosque's people apply religious principles in their lives and also share such principles to members of the community. The least significant point is the mosque's people express their view on differences in religion sect in the community.

For society, the most significant point related to community development role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people is on the cooperation between the mosque's people and the mosque's committee. The second highest point is about the mosque's people belief that their community can become a model for development of other communities. The least significant point is mosque's people from other communities come to play roles in this community.

For environment, the most significant points related to community development role of Nurul-Nasihah mosque's people are the mosque's people participate in environmental campaign, followed by the mosque's people behave as good example for environmental conservation, and the least significant point is the mosque's people take roles in environmental development in neighboring communities.

V. DISCUSSION

Recommendation and Implementation

Nurul-Nasihah Mosque's community should pay more attention to the roles of mosque's people in social, religious, environmental, and education dimension to move forward to community development which will in turn benefit the mosque's people and the community. They should promote awareness about significance of religious and social activities to move along with development in other aspects.

Training should be conducted to enrich knowledge in all necessary fields whether general knowledge or religious knowledge. Joint activities with other communities should be promoted to help exchanging knowledge and experience which will help in community development. The community should also study how the cooperation with government sector as well as private sector may benefit the community development.

Suggestion for Future Study

Future study should focus on roles and obstacles in every aspect involving Nurul-Nasihah Mosque's committee and their improvement of the community in Bang Rak District, Bangkok. Results of the study then shall be together used along with this research as more precise guidelines for community development.

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