

Site Visit  
at Klong Kern sub-district,  
Meuang, Samutsongkhram  
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## Problem



Klong Kern sub-district in Samutsongkhram province is one community that genuinely shares a common negative impact caused by the over-ruled industrialization which are insufficient agriculture labor resource that move to industrial sector, in harmony with the fading of indigenous knowledge on agriculture.

The usage of chemical fertilizer and pesticide were encouraged by the industrialization. The revolution brings about health issue, debt caused by high cost of inventory and gradually-become-distant social relationship especially in family.

# Community Operation

Dr. Usa Tienthong

In 1999, Provincial Community inspired by Dr. Usa Tienthong, a chairman of Sub-district Community Organization, to print her foot step on public service state. She involved local residents in Klong Kern sub-district on identifying situation, and together, discovered the importance of community cooperation. In collaboration with Sub-district headmen, Village headmen, members of Sub-district Administrative Organization and other organizations, they carried out Co-Community Model Scheme and transform Klong Kern sub-district into strong collaborative and learning community. They established House of Sub-district Community Organization in 2008 which nowadays has “mobile conference” to villages on 19th of each month.

From Co-Community Model Scheme to Sub-district Community Organization, this community has been developed the groups which are organized follow the Philosophy of the “Sufficiency Economy” (a philosophy bestowed by His Majesty the King), as follows



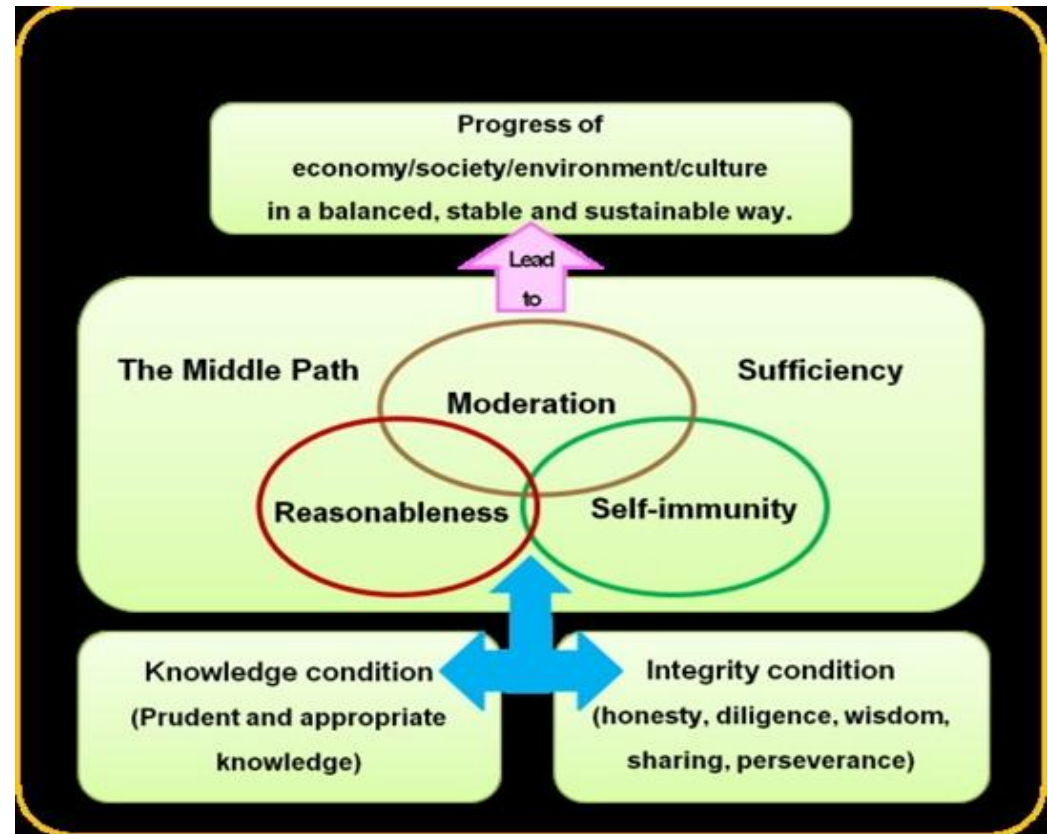
### **1. community enterprise of organic coconut sugar**

Mr.Pornchai Sengkeaw as the chairman of this group said, this group also faced the industrialization which made the agriculture labor resource moved to industrial sector, and ignored the indigenous knowledge on agriculture. However, when they established community enterprise of organic coconut sugar and bring community to work together. This can persuade people to the indigenous knowledge in collaboration.



## 2. Klong Kern Agricultural Technology Transfer and Service Center

Mr.Somsak and Mrs.Yupin Srihon as the owner of this center, they do agriculture follow the Philosophy of the "Sufficiency Economy" (a philosophy bestowed by His Majesty the King), which means as follow picture.



Reference : [http://social.nesdb.go.th/social/Portals/0/Documents/Education\\_final.pdf](http://social.nesdb.go.th/social/Portals/0/Documents/Education_final.pdf)



### 3. Integrated Chicken Farming

This farm also follow the way of Sufficiency Economy with collaboration of people in community so they begin with basic indigenous knowledge on agriculture and later on they learn to adapt the new technology to the way of their living and make their farm be sustainable.

(Mr.Sing Sritareng as the owner).



#### 4. Group of dessert product



This group works as cooperative including with 40 members and all members will be allocated to cook each dessert. The desserts are Dok-Jok, Ba-Bin, Kao-Too. (Khun Wan Prasongsuk as the chairman).

Dok-Jok



Ba-Bin



Kao-Too



This site visit at Klong Kern sub-district, Meuang, Samutsongkhram will make delegates understand the system that build up a strong civil society by empowering community organizations and social networks.

