

**Title :** Appropriate Approach to Establishing at the Elderly School  
According to local social and cultural space, the local community of  
Jan Lan Sub-District, Kusin Narai District, Karasin Province

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### Abstract

The objectives of this research were : 1) to study the community context and the local elderly's culture and 2) to study the appropriate approach to establish a school for the elderly according to the social areas and participatory culture in the local community, Janlan Sub-District, Kuchinarai District, Kalasin Province. The instrument of the study includes a questionnaire and interviews. The method of collecting the data is through meetings, group discussion, and interviews. The target groups include the village leaders, the elderly, the officers of the Sub-District Administrative Organization, and the staffs of Sub-district Health Promoting Hospital. Through the community's involvement process, the findings of the study are as follows.

The results were as follows:

1. The community context and the elderly's culture in Janlan Sub-District is traditional agriculture. Most of the elderly rely on the senior's welfare allowance and still have debts.

2. The appropriate approach to establish a school for the elderly includes the following factors.

**In terms of the management,** the elderly propose to have Sub-District Administration Organization provide the budget for the establishment of the school for the elderly.

**In terms of the location, environment, and services,** the elderly propose to have the school with good environment, safety, and transportation service.

**In terms of the school activities,** both questionnaire and in-depth interview show that the elderly prefers musical activities, vocational training, and social/ cultural/ religious activities.

**In terms of the community's participation and network,** the elderly propose to the Sub-District Administration Organization to provide social welfare and assistance to the elderly who are in need without sufficient resources such as blankets and prescription glasses. Sub-district Health Promoting Hospital should collaborate with the Sub-District Administration Organization to provide appropriate knowledge on health to the elderly.

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