Empowered and counseled process at a newly established community in Hualien

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Abstract

The author entered a newly established community to observe its operation situation in Hualien. Community chairman and cadres have not received community job-related training, for the community is regulated by the chairman of the leading cadres to tie. Conducted several festivals activity, community got a lot of identity, and have a good start. But also caused neighboring communities feel threatened, community chairman worried doing too good leaded to jealousy, performance his self-confidence.

The author entered the community counseling process include: help to revise the community need assessment questionnaire, and leading a discussion about community SWOT analysis, community needs and situation questionnaire survey results. This community case illustrated that a newly established community leader's ambition is very important which can bring up the enthusiasm of cadres. Community festivals activity could attract public participation, it is easy to get sense of accomplishment in a short time, but the community is still far from adequate staff capacity, subject to be nurtured by the training process in order to reach the community sustainable development.

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