**PUBA Professor Pratt Returns to Northeast Thailand to Continue Work on the Local Leaders Project**

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In early February Prof. Dick Pratt returned to the northeast of Thailand to continue work with the local leaders project. Five successful local leaders visited the Manoa campus in late November as part of a project jointly sponsored by the Public Administration Program and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and done in cooperation with the Development Administration Program at Khon Kaen University. The goal of the project as it expands is create a network of successful local leaders in the Mekong Region (including northeast Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar) who can learn from one another and act as role models for others. The project also opens opportunities for students interested in local governance and local NGOs to do practicum, and for other collaborations.