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The objectives of this research were to study the relationship between Siam and Lanna state during 1873-1933 A.D. and to study Prarajjaya Jao Dara Russami's role of politics and sociality that effected on the change of Chiang Mai province. The results were:

Firstly, the politics and social change in Chiang Mai province during 1873-1933 A.D. were the results of both external and internal factors. Due to the colonialism of the Western over South-east Asia countries, Siam government had to centralize their power. Chiang Mai leaders adjusted their power to match the Siam centralization.

Secondly, Prarajjaya Jao Dara Russami had a role to change politics and social in Chiang Mai Province. Her status were princess of dependency and Prarajjaya in King Chulalongkorn. Both of statuses were as the middleman for keeping related policy benefit and social between Bangkok and Chiang Mai for centralization.

Finally, Chiang Mai province was under Siam government policy. This reflect let people in local adapt themselves under centralize policy. Prarajjaya Jao Dara Russami not only had adapted the king's household but also preserved local unique.

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