

ABSTRACT

Thesis Title : The role of Mr.Thongtor Kluay-Mai Na Ayudhya
in the Promulgation of Bangkok Metropolitan
Administration Act B.E 2518, B.E 2528

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The objective of this thesis is to study the history of supporting the promulgation of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Act B.E. 2518, and its later amendment in B.E.2528 and the role of Mr.Thongtor Kluay-Mai Na Ayudhya in various process until its promulgation and his leadership role during such promulgation process.

The results of this research show that the role of Mr.Thongtor Kluay-Mai Na Ayudhya in the promulgation of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Act B.E. 2518 and its amendment in B.E.2528 are as follows;

1. Mr.Thongtor Kluay-Mai Na Ayudhya and Mr.Chek Thanasiri collaborately submitted the draft of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration

Act B.E. 2518 until it was enacted. The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Act B.E. 2518 is, in fact, based on the concept of decentralization to local authorities and mostly influenced the amendment of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Act B.E. 2528 which is being enforced until present.

2. Mr.Thongtor Kluay-Mai Na Ayudhya is a high - ranking administrator who is very supportive to the decentralization concept and public participation in development activities of local authorities. He acts as a democratic leader and believes in democracy. He always says, "The city development task is too complicated and demanding to be handled by the government officers alone. It's necessary to let local people participate and involve in public services as they know what they need". His performance in government services has proved his important roles in the enactment and enforcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Act, B.E.2518 and its amendment.

3. Mr.Thongtor Kluay-Mai Na Ayudhya's personality and leadership also contributes to the success of the enactment process of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Act B.E. 2518. The combination of his characteristics allows him to somehow influence the Parliament. His knowledge and experiences in local administration together with his modesty and sincerity are important factors allowing him to be the so called "contingent leader". He admittedly explained that the enactment process of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Act B.E. 2518 was smoothly passed through because of his supportive friends and accidental event.