

ABSTRACT

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The People's Right to Petition according to the Royal Tradition has been a right held by Thai people for a long period of time. It is said, that in the Sukothai period, King Ramkhamhaeng put a bell in front of his castle, so that if someone rang it, he could make justice available.

In the Ayuthaya period and the beginning of the Bangkok period, the Petitioner would be punished in order to ensure they had really suffered.

King Rama IV accepted petitioners by himself. In general, people could petition the King at anytime if he showed the letter of petition to the King and spoke aloud "Please Sirs" and the King would stop his royal cavalcade and accept the petition.

Today, because the population of Thailand is much larger, the people's right to petition according to royal tradition may be accomplished in two ways. First, The traditional method of presenting petitions to the King, when he appears. Secondly, the petition may be delivered by telegraph or post.

The People's right to petition according to the Royal Tradition is a doctrine allowing petition to the king who acts as head of state. The logic of