

## **ABSTRACT**

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This study was aimed at the acquisition of knowledge about sugarcane price settlement process, which was based on the allocation of interest in both sugarcane and sugar industry. The main hypothesis of this study was that such process in sugarcane and sugar industry was more effectively managed by the corporatist arrangement in the relationship among various interest groups.

This study found that the corporatist form of interest intermediation led to the formation of tripartism industry in Thailand. The corporatist arrangement was allowed for the participation of various interest group. It also became a platform of negotiation which could effectively reduce the tension which might arise from price negotiation. In such process, the state still played an important role to mediate conflicting interests. However, the corporatist form of interest intermediation in sugarcane and sugar industry was far from attaining price stability and far from developing the quality of life of sugarcane farmers.