ABSTRACT

Thesis Title

: International Criminal Court: International

Cooperation and Judicial Assistance

between States and the Court

Student's Name

: Miss Pha-ngarat Sa-nguanpong

Degree Sought

: Master of Laws

Academic Year

: 2000

Advisory Committee :

1. Dr. Pornchai Danvivathana

Chairperson

2. Assoc. Prof. Chatuporn Wongthongsawan

The world community is trying to develop an international criminal justice system to be able to strenuously tackle with the most serious international crimes. In the past the world had to rely on temporary establishment of *ad hoc* tribunals, which cannot set truly respectable legal standards. The treaty on the establishment of a permanent international criminal court is therefore deemed to be the best solution as far as representatives of states and international criminal law experts can visualize within the rigid sovereignty principle.

Comprehension and appreciation of the underlining philosophy of the Rome Statute and the international criminal justice system around which built is the key factor influencing states' determination to ratify the treaty. Importance of research and study in international cooperation and judicial assistance between states and the court is therefore not limited to analysis of mechanisms and

measures for states to passively react with the International Criminal Court.

Initiative of each state to proactively strengthen its criminal justice system so as to be able to bring the wrongdoers under the international criminal laws, no matter they are ones of its own national or not.

The treaty establishing the International Criminal Court would be merely for ideological admiration or for actual implementation to bring justice for humanity depends very much on international politics. Nevertheless, the treaty itself can be considered as tangible progress in the area of international criminal law. Certain nations have chosen to commit themselves and one of them, namely Canada has her bill in the parliament to especially prepare to work with the International Criminal Court.