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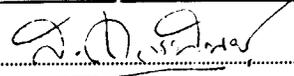
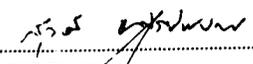
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The main purpose of the study aims at analysing political phenomenon in micro level concerning the problem of economic and political power and influence of "CHAO PHO" in three provinces, namely Chonburi Angthong and Khokkaen. Particular emphasis will be placed on the role and political behaviour of "CHAO PHO" in parliamentary electoral process.

The study leads to the conclusion that the influential groups in those three provinces possess very high economic power and therefore have strong potential to indirectly transfer it to political power by executing the available influence through vote casting procedure in the eight elections during 1975 - 1992. "CHAO PHO" in these three provinces do not only support political parties and candidates in their own provinces but they also support those in other provinces in the region. Therefore, the more frequent the elections are held, the wider the scope of the influences of these local "CHAO PHO" in transferring their economic power into political power can be seen.

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