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This thesis aims to study the politics of King Boromakot's reign and the maintenance of that king's political power..

King Boromakot was able to keep a firm grip on his throne partly by appointing his sons to krom positions, giving the princes control over part of the manpower, so that the khunnang could not seize power. The king's power remained stable even when, towards the end of his reign, his sons became more powerful and contended among themselves. King Boromakot also maintained his power by changing the administrative organisation of his realm, giving the control of the southern provinces to his close associate the chao phraya kosathibodi, thus limiting the power of the samuha phra kalahom. Also, the king supported the Buddhist religion and the clergy in order to bolster his status as a Buddhist king of righteousness (thammaracha). In his reign Sri Lanka sent envoys to ask for Siamese monks to revive Buddhism in the Kingdom of Kandy, thus giving Ayutthaya the prestige of being a key centre of Buddhism.

The result of the study shows that in the reign of King Boromakot the throne was very secure, unchallenged by either princes or khunnang. The king used his long political experience to create a balance of power and thus control the political situation.

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