

The problem of Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments is closely linked to Private International Law. It is a complicated topic which has not received sufficient attention in Thailand. This may be due to the rarity of cases concerning this topic and the paucity of Supreme Court decisions related thereto. However, at present there is increasing contact between the citizens of different countries, and this link is facilitated by improved communications between Thais and foreigners. This is enhanced by Thailand's accession to various treaties establishing international organization such as GATT and ASEAN which attest to broader commercial ties. Therefore, questions concerning Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments may arise more frequently in future.

Thailand is not a party to the international agreements relating to Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments. There is no statutory law on the topic, and the state of Thai law concerning this is opaque. Although there have been some initiatives at the international level to encourage Thailand to accede to these international agreements, such as a request by certain representatives of France on this matter in 1978, Thailand has refused to commit herself. The reason is her lack of readiness and uncertain attitude concerning the benefits to be derived therefrom.

These elements have induced this researcher to examine the topic concerned and to scrutinise the trends and orientation of Thailand in relation to Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments. The methodology adopted is directed at finding a suitable model for international law and treaties on this matter. It is aimed at providing greater understanding concerning the question of Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments which is widely accepted outside Thailand.

It should also help to prepare national authorities dealing with the issue to consider the possibility of acceding to international instruments and reform or supplement national law to ensure greater justice in law and practice.