

ABSTRACT

Research Title : “Thai-Cambodian Conflict : ASEAN and Prasat Khao Phra Wihan Problem Solving Process 2551-2554”

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The purpose of the Research Work under the Topic of “Thai-Cambodian Conflict : ASEAN and Prasat Khao Phra Wihan Problem Solving Process 2551-2554” is to study the conflict between Thailand and Cambodia from the period over in the past until the present time, the changes in the environmental conditions between both countries and in the country and the role of ASEAN toward the case of the conflict between Thailand and Cambodia by using the method of qualitative research, as a result of the research, border problem between the countries is a common problem for a country that has consecutive boundaries.

Knotty problem derivatively arisen from historical events, particularly, when France was unfair in dividing the territory and in the case when Cambodia had submitted the Application to the International Court of Justice in 1959 to make its decision on the matter of the Territorial Sovereignty over Prasat Khao Phra Wihan and after a final ruling order in 1962 that Prasat Khao Phra Wihan was situated in the Territorial Sovereignty of Cambodia and instructed Thailand to withdraw her military forces from the area of Prasat Khao Phra Wihan, have definitely affected the feelings of the people of both countries; for Cambodia, it is their pleasure in their “righteous” victory and for Thailand, it is the feeling of a loser and “being ripped off in the territory.”

Cambodia’s proposal to register Prasat Khao Phra Wihan as the World Heritage could be her desire for an assistances in the form of the experts, academic matter and budget from UNESCO for the restorations and open Prasat Khao Phra Wihan as the important tourist attraction place. However, the historically knotty made Cambodia not desire to register Prasat Khao Phra Wihan jointly with Thailand because if Cambodia should do that there may be a wave of an anti-government in Cambodia while Thailand can neither accept such actions of Cambodia. The way in solving is a dialogue and compromise which, initially, there must be a ceasefire and troop

withdrawals from the disputed areas and negotiation in details of problems to lead to a sustainable solution.