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The main purpose of this study is to analyse organisation and process of law reform to facilitate and bolster economic and social development process in Thailand. In this context, organisations and processes of law reform in United Kingdom, Singapore and Canada have been briefly reviewed and employed as a guideline for analysing Law Reform Commission based upon the Third Juridical Council Act 1991 and policy guideline for law reform in the Seventh National Economic and Social Development Plan (1992-1996).

The result of the study suggests that a great number of laws and regulations are outmoded and become a serious constraint to the process of economic and social development in Thailand. During the Sixth Plan period (1987-1991) the Government has paid more concentration on law reform. As a consequence, efforts were put on revise of several regulations and procedures which did not yield far-reaching effects. When the Seventh Plan (1992-1996) has been introduced, a neutral institution is conceived to efficiently conduct law reform in order to cope with rapid changes in economic and social situations. The neutral body must have its own capacity to conduct research and development with systematically interdisciplinary approach so as to recommend both short-term and long-term policies to the Government. It is obvious that the established Committee for Revising Law does not possess the needed qualification to achieve the ostensible objective. This is because the commission still performs under the supervision of the Law Councillors which is the executive's instrument. In particular, any initiation on research and development is subject to Office of the Juridical Council. If the Government yet takes the policy of law reform seriously, there should be a revision on organisation for law reform during the Seventh National Economic and Social Development Plan. As a matter of efficiency, it is inevitable to confer the neutral body a sufficient autonomy to produce policy recommendation on law reform. In addition, how the commission performs significantly depends on a strong backup from professional secretariat staffs