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The purpose of this thesis is to study the role and significance of Prince Krom Luang Wongsadhirajsanit in the administration of Siam with concentration upon the reasons why the Prince was entrusted with tasks and duties of considerable importance. The thesis will also analyse his part in solving problems and difficulties of administration. This study begins in the reign of King Rama III when the Prince first entered government service and ends with his death in the reign of King Rama IV

The research shows that he was a prince who reached a high administrative position in the government through his abilities in western knowledge. The Prince, as a brother of King Rama III, and King Rama IV not only had a close relationship with the royal family but also was on good terms with the Bunnag, the most influential aristocrat family at that time. With these qualifications, the Prince was put in a position of great trust, acting as a co-ordinator in political issues. He was regarded as a prince who occupied an important position and played a prominent part in the administration of the state during three reigns of the Rattanakosin period.