

PREMWIT TAWKAEW : THE ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE
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The purpose of this thesis is the study of the establishment and expansion of the Dhammayuttikanikaya in Northeast Thailand during 1851-1930, with an emphasis on factors affecting the process of its expansion. The study is based on data from relevant historical documents as well as works written by members of the sect published in Bangkok and in the Northeast.

During its early years, the Dhammayuttikanikaya owed its establishment and expansion in the Northeast largely to the patronage of the court and the support of the elites at both the central and local levels, as well as to its role, assigned by the central government in Bangkok, in the administration of the Sangha, religious affairs and education in the region. After 1902, however, local support, in terms of manpower and finance, increased gradually but substantially, signifying an important transition in the history of the sect's expansion in the Northeast. Consequently, by 1930, the sect successfully made its presence felt strongly in almost every major district in the Northeast.