Abstract

Freedom of peaceful assembly is the important basis principle in the democratic system because it is a very important freedom of Public to express in a peaceful assembly for the exchange of idea or for exercising the right to make certain demand. The purpose of the research on freedom of peaceful assembly is to examine the problems that are caused by the use of the right of freedom to express opinions by public demonstration. It also scrutinizes the measures available to control, protect and restrain public demonstrations and halt those which overstep or violate laws provided as rights or guarantees under the Constitution.

Peaceful assembly in Thailand can be devided into 2 categories: peaceful assembly under normal condition and peaceful assembly under abnormal condition, such as there is revolution, coup d' état. Even though, the Thai Constitution may prescribe acknowledgment of peaceful assembly, no law concerning the public assembly is specified. However, practically, there are some laws concerning freedom of peaceful assembly, such as, traffic law, national highway law or criminal law, etc. which may have effects on freedom of assembly under normal condition. The peaceful assembly while the country is not under abnormal condition, it cannot be carried out.

According to the study, it is found that in many countries, such as France, rules and conditions regarding the public assembly and manifestations have been codified into federal legislation. In my view, if that kind of law is prescribed and takes effect in Thailand, it can be a good way to guarantee freedom of peaceful assembly of people which is fundamental freedom in the democratic system of Thailand.