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This thesis aims to study the Panwaenpha Award – Winning short stories, 2002 – 2008 in terms of concepts of democracy and political participation, development of these concepts and literary style.

The study found that the Panwaenpha Award – Winning short stories present cooperation between the state and the people in promoting democracy. The corrupted behaviors of the Thai politicians are the main themes of the stories, which show that most writers aim at politicians as a key factor in defining the meaning of democracy. As for political participation, the writers give the importance to election as a basic element the advancement of democracy. The content of these stories are related to social contexts and social and political problems at the time they were written.

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