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Abstract

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The main purpose of this analytical study of Tienwan's writings is to find out his available ideas contributing to the establishment of political philosophy, regarding him as one of the acceptable Thai thinkers. He was a Thai; one of positivist socio-economic and political critics. At that time, I would like to maintain, Tienwan's political creative was rather ignored, but conversely this by its virtue becomes obviously attracted to modern Thai academics.

The results of the research have revealed that the political culture of Thailand's traditional administration has been formulated under the influences of Brahmanism and Buddhism, especially Brahmanism, except in our Sukhothai period that was dominated by Buddhist ethics. On the way of its development Thai way of political thought and practice was quite under the Western logic (King Rama IV-King Rama V). At that time, Thailand was in her extreme necessity, on

the way to adaption, adjustment and improvement, utmost for her survival, almost all of content and context of political culture were to maintain her status quothe middle way. All this political improvement was exercised not for the good, welfare and well-being of the common people, but rather for the people of high class position.

Tienwan was severely experiencing all posible socio-political events and became realized that the best way to solve all this problem was by holding in political philosophy which promoted democratic system under the Monarchism, in which the King as the government exercised his soveriegnty according to Dhamma-dasabidharajaddhamma, meaning the Ten Royal Virtues for Kingship.

According to Tienwan, the stability, prosperity, peace, welfare and well-being of the people-all this including liberty and human rights should be the altimate aims of political efforts, in which the people, ranking from the rulers to the common, were fully qualified with virtues and fulfilling their responsible duties.

In short, the political concept introduced by Tienwan to Thai thought manifests a dialectical approch employed by a Thai Thinker named Tienwan to interprete and explain some posibility for the integration of Thai traditional principle based on Brahmanism and Buddhism and partially Western logic of politics, for the sake of Thailand's development of political culture.