

Thesis Title: Political and Economic Determination to the Kamnan Position: A Case Study of Chon Buri Province

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ABSTRACT

The research entitled "Political and Economic Determination to the Kamnan Position: A Case Study of Chon Buri Province" is designed to study political and economic determination to the Kamnan position on local and national levels. The study is based on both qualitative and quantitative approaches. The qualitative approach is conducted through interview held with reliable persons in Chon Buri Province, such as government officials, Members of the Parliament, Members of the Provincial Council, etc. The quantitative approach is undertaken by distributing 91 questionnaires to Kamnan in Chon Buri Province through either the sheriff or senior officers of all districts in the province. Out of them, 60 questionnaires or 66 percent were returned. Research data were then processed in order to find frequency and percentage. Findings were also analyzed in accordance with the hypothesis in conjunction with related theories and secondary data.

Research results reveal as follows:

1. Political Determination to the Kamnan Position

1.1 One of the incentives for determination to the Kamnan position is that Kamnan is generally considered to be useful, dynamic, and instrumental in election campaign for candidates on various levels. Likewise, Kamnan relates his position to political affairs interacted among politicians, influential persons and the public on the basis of mutual interests.

1.2 The relationship of influential persons involved determination to the Kamnan position and such relationship was concerned with interest. Some Kamnan were elected at the persuasion of the influential or interest group who backed up them. In some case the influential or interest group might dominate a particular person to be a candidate for Kamnan position, hoping that they will gain some interest through such Kamnan, and will utilize him in future election.

2. Economic Determination to the Kamnan Position

2.1 Kamnan hoped to benefit from his position through assisting politicians in election campaign on various levels. A return for his assistance was expected to come from candidates concerned.

2.2 Kamnan expected to take advantages from his position, that is, the Kamnan position would more or less facilitate his business operation such as construction of government offices or public buildings, etc.