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## ABSTRACT

This thesis is an analytical study of the Ramakien of King Rama I in reference to the structure of its society which consists of 3 components which are members of the society, social institutions and social order, in order to show the relation of these components, and the important aim of the Ramakien society that is maintaining peace within the society.

The study reveals that the society of the Ramakien includes 4 main ethnos and other creatures. These beings are different in main characteristics so they are divided into 5 stratas. Between them are two ways of social interaction, conflict and cooperation.

The social institutions important to sustain the society are the family which provides sexual instinct and the relation between kin; education is for the need of knowledge; religion for ethical need; and politics for good life and security.

Social order is formed by 2 elements of social organization, norms and statuses and roles. The study shows that two types of norms, i.e. mores and folkways are essential to the peace of the society. The statuses and roles of members are up to their positions and duty in society. Members may or may not act according to their

statuses. This depends on their morality.

It can be concluded that the stability of Ramakien society is the result of members' morality. Moreover, Phra Narai and other Ayutthaya kings are entrusted by the members as the peace keepers of the society. They are fully supported by other members in order to gain the main aim of the society.