

Nuntaya Srewarin 2009: The Economic, Political and Social Change of Takuapa, A.D.1891-1932. Master of Arts (History), Major Field: History, Department of History. Thesis Advisor: Professor Phuwadol Songprasert, Ph.D. 254 pages.

The objectives of this research are included with 1) to study the social, economic and political background of Takuapa before A.D.1891. 2) To analyze causes and problems of the economic change of Takuapa during A.D.1891-1932. 3) To analyze the economic and government policy including the impact to social and local government in Takuapa.

The author used a historical analysis approach utilizing contemporary documents, primary sources, historical texts and researches.

The study found that the essential factors of Takuapa's economic expansion were its geography and external change, particularly from the Industrial Revolution in Europe. The increasing demand of tin in the world market made Takuapa more important than before. The result of economic expansion had high impacts to political and social change in the study area. However, during the Great Depression in the reign of King Prajatipok and the sudden decreasing of tin demand in the world market reduced the importance of Takuapa. This resulted to the Thai government's decision to annex Takuapa to Phang-nga province from that time to the present.

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