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The purpose of this thesis is to study the various factors that enabled Colonel Luang Pibulsonggram to build his political and military base in order to become the most eminent leader among the members of the Khanarasadorn (Leaders of the 1932 Revolution). The thesis also has the purpose of studying the factors that helped Colonel Luang Pibulsonggram to be selected as the Prime Minister.

It was found that during the political crisis after the 24th June 1932 Revolution, Colonel Luang Pibulsonggram's ability to solve important problems, the spread of nationalism - militarism due to internal and external factors, and Colonel Luang Pibulsonggram's personal capacity to gain the favor and support from the people around him enabled him to build his power base until he finally had the most eminent political and military role among the leaders of the Khanarasadorn. These factors also helped Colonel Luang Pibulsonggram to rise to the height of political power, i.e., he was selected to hold the post of Prime Minister of Siam in 1938.