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#### ABSTRACT

This thesis, A STRONG PRIME MINISTER UNDER THE PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM OF THAILAND : A CASE STUDY ON THE OFFICIAL TERM has the main purpose to study the history and problems arising from the parliamentary system and to analyze the problem from The Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B. E. 2540 and The Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2550 in the topic of the Head of State's official term. By studying such document the writer found that The Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B. E. 2540 had an essential structure to stabilize the parliament alongside with its leader, the Prime Minister. This was done to create both efficiency and stability of the government so that they can manage the economic and the well being of the nation. However, majority of the parties in Thailand gather only for their own interest, therefore the members of the party will do anything to receive the highest vote, which can be done by buying and selling of votes. As the consequence this creates a dictatorial parliament.

In many foreign countries no matter whether they are governed by parliamentary system or by presidential system, the Constitutions of which are clearly prescribed with the political structures as to the position holding term of the head of the government. In South Korea, the intention of the essential principle about the position holding term of the head of the state has been

clearly recorded in the present Constitution of the country that the head of the state 's official term is only for 5 years and thereafter is prohibited to stand for the general election again. In this respect, the President is given a full and ample time to devote himself to the nation as a whole without concerning about keeping the base of his votes for standing for the next general election. The Constitution of Germany which is under the governing form of parliamentary system called " the Chancellor Government " has been prescribed that the President is allowed to be in the position for 5 years in a term and not more than two terms. This is to prevent the head of the state to be in the office too long to be able to create the dictatorial parliament as in the past.

As such, the encountered problems of Thailand are votes buying and selling from the politicians, the chronic corruption and abusing of state power for the benefits of individuals and cronies. In this respect, it will finally cause serious damage to the nation and impede the development of the political system under the democratic form of government and lead to the excuse of the group of persons to perform the Coup D'e'ta and seizing of power in order to stave off the chronic corruption, and dictatorial government, but at the end, the Coup performers will become the dictators themselves. Accordingly, the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand should be clearly prescribed with the Prime Minister's official term down to only.