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to Western Points of View (from Middle Ayudhya
Period to 1932)
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ABSTRACT

This research is a study of western attitudes towards the Thai personality and characteristic from Middle Ayudhya Period up to 1932. The research is done by means of studying and scrutinizing facts from primary historical documents written by the westerners who came to Thailand and wrote about Thai personality and characteristic during the period mentioned above. The findings of the research are as follows: Firstly, the research deals with western views towards personal characteristic and traits of the Thais. Another five findings will be about the Thai characteristic as viewed by the western people which varied according to political, economic, social and religious factors. It is aimed at conveying to the readers the notion that the western views about the Thais may have been influenced by political, economic, social or religious factors in that period of time. The last finding is a review and a comparative analysis by the researchers covering western important attitudes towards the Thais. The comparative analysis includes several points of view expressed both by Thai and foreign scholars at the present time so as to show whether or not such traits have been changed since Ayudhya period up till now.