

Abstract

This thesis aims to study development of Lan-Chang society since the ending period of 21st Buddhist century upto the beginning of 23rd Buddhist century as this period of time, Lan-Chang society was passing a certain of time of reviving and having much evidence to studied.

Result of studying appeared that this society has continuous developed and changed. Lan-Chang was known since the end of 18th Buddhist century, there were evidences such as Sukothai stone inscriptions saying about the being of Lan-Chang society on that day, the condition of Lan-Chang society in the beginning period was uniting and developed from a small size of society to be a larger one, consisted of many races and clans causing difference of cultures in society, the difference of cultures in society in primly period was a great problem of rulership for governor to rule people and making them live well together.

Lan-Chang society in 21st Buddhist century was passing reviving for a long time. Studying of Lan-Chang society in such period indicated that it was a stable society at that time, having unity and orderly system in itself and having clear social structure more than in the past.

Lan-Chang society in 21st Buddhist century has a clear administrative system called A-ya-Si (Four Penalties) and people been separated in to two parts i.e.

the ruler and people be ruled, and beside that , diversity of people in society also had set right by achieving Buddhism to be a medium to acquire compromise and living together in peace under Buddhism doctrine and also there be code laws issuing which was consisted of clear punishment to be used as an instrument to settle up conflicts. Literary works also issued to public to be a standard of way of life which was another instrument for the ruler to control population in their society. Lan-Chang in the time of king Suriyawong-satamiksraj was another period of time of social reviving, although before such period, Lan-Chang was declined under Burmese colonizing, social conflict was not a primary cause of Lan-Chang society to be declined in such period of time because social fundamental in 21st Buddhist century was in good order and system, it was not difficult to take things such as laws to be adapted and make it fit to society, both laws and literary works-doctrine which occurred in such time indicated that an-Chang in such period did not differ from Lan-Chang society in 21st period had more additional literary work of teaching and laws improvement and decreasing of Buddhist doctrine to rule society, result of studying cold be summarized that Lan-Chang society in the late period of 21st Buddhist century upto the early period or 23rd Buddhist century was rather be a stable society and had conspicuous good order.