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Editorial Notes

This special issue of Journal of Social Science Volume 36 Number 2 (July-December 2005) is intended to specifically serve one of our objectives, namely, to report progress in the social sciences inside and outside Thailand. Also, in this issue, we would like to expand our audiences to our English reader by selecting to publish all Thai native-speaking contributors' papers written in English. The contributors in this issue wrote his/her articles while they were reading their degrees, masters and/or doctorate, inside and outside Thailand. At the time, however, you are reading a copy of this issue, they were all graduated already. Two of them studied abroad, and six from the Doctoral Programme, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

The two graduates from abroad are **Tavida Kamolvej** and **Ornsaran Manuamorn**, the former from USA, and the latter from UK. and then USA. Tavida Kamolvej wrote her study paper on public policy, 'Why Policy fails. .are we tossing coin into garbage can. .or are we not being able to bridge the gap between policy and practice?', while she was doing her doctoral degree at the Department of Public Affairs, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) at the University of Pittsburgh, USA, where she had spent time for her studying her Ph.D. from 2000-2006. Last year, Tavida returned to resume her academic work as a lecturer at the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University Ornsaran Manuamorn was a Thai-Cambridge scholar who, after finishing her first masters degree in International Relations from Hughes Hall at the University of

Cambridge, England, as a Fulbright scholar, had completed another masters degree in International Relations from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University. Ornsaran is now working as an operation analyst at the World Bank. She wrote her article on 'Export-led Industrialization and Gender Inequity in East Asia: A Comparative Analysis of South Korea and Thailand,' whilst she was up at Princeton.

Among the six graduates from the Doctoral Programme of our faculty, whose doctoral dissertations have been abridged for publication in article form in this journal, two of them specialized in the field of International Relations, Government, and Public Policy have one each for its own, and the last two for Political Philosophy.

Wuttikorn Chuwattananurak and **Prapee Apichatsakol** had their main interest in International Relations. Wuttikorn now is working as an official in the Office of Narcotics Control Board. He graduated his bachelor with a first class honours degree from the Department of Government, Political Science, Chulalongkorn University in 1998. After that, he had immediately joined the Chulalongkorn Political Science Doctoral Programme in 1999 and then had his Ph.D. dissertation focus on 'Terrorism in Thailand in the Post-Cold War Era. An Enduring Armed Separatism' Prapee, a Law master degree graduate from the Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University and became our Ph.D. student in 2001. She wrote her doctoral dissertation on 'From U.S. Humanitarian Intervention to

Preemptive War and the UN' Now Dr Prapee is working as a lecturer at the Faculty of Social Science, Srinakharinwirot Prasarnmit. With regard to the field of Government, **Chanchai Chitlaoarporn's** doctoral dissertation topic on contemporary Thai politics is very updated and absorbing one. It is the study of 'The Modern Police State of the Government of Thaksin 2001-2006.' He joined our Doctoral Programme in 2001 Now he is a lecturer at the College of Politics and Governance, Mahasarakham University.

Next is of a classmate of Chanchai, **Noppadol Udomwisawakul's** doctoral dissertation is concerned with a case study of a Thai public policy, namely, 'Agenda Setting and Policy Formulation: A Case of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards Policy in Thailand' After graduation, Noppadol is serving as a policy analyst, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

Our last two papers in this issue deal with a comparative study in political philosophy. The first one is a comparative study of Plato's and Nietzsche's notions of good and bad polity, which belongs to **Pisarn Mukdaratsami's** 2005 doctoral dissertation, 'Plato and Nietzsche On Good and Bad Political Regimes' Although Pisarn received a scholarship from Thammasat University, however, he is now a lecturer in political theory at Mahasarakham University, Northeast of Thailand. The last article is from **Chotisa Counsnit**. Having done her masters thesis on the influence of John Locke's political thought in the Thai democratic struggles in 1973 and 1992 Chotisa also continued her interest in theories of

democracy in her Ph.D. thesis, that is, 'A Comparative Study of Representative and Alternative Democracies on Power and Interest' Chotisa is now a free-lance academic and teaches at several universities, Sripratum, Burapa, and some Rajchapats.

Really last but not least, it is a good news since our next issue, Volume 37, 2006 will be a kind of 'Two in One.' or 'Buy One get Two,' a special bonus for our reader Please look forward to it very soon.