Title: The Role of the Council of Political Development and the Nation’s Reconciliation Enhancement

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Abstract*

During the past four years (2008–2012) the principal role of the Council of Political Development has been to implement the strength of Democracy at the grassroots level. Most of Thai society consists of grassroots underdog people. The Council aims to implement democracy as a structural base. It emphasizes democracy in the community through decentralization. When people experience real democracy and are free, they are able to reveal their intelligence & strength. Conflict and unequal treatment will be reduced, leading to reconciliation and security in the nation will be established.

Because the main contribution of the Council is focused on grassroots democracy, the outcome is not evident over a short time. Even though the target has not yet been fully attained but it is nevertheless a great endeavour to bridge the gap. The Council tries not to let violence occur among Thais. The Council tries rather to integrate between representative democracy and participatory democracy.

The highest goal of reconciliation is to enable all people to receive fair and equal treatment, to let them feel that they receive honour and acceptance from the state. The government has to understand more about customs, culture, religion, and economy of all groups of people. In the end everything will move in a positive direction and happiness will return to our own country.

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