

Within one year, Thailand will enter election period.

What roles should Thais play?

What roles should Thais play during 1-year pre-election period? How can they inspect the new government?

These are interesting questions. Thai eligible voters and youths who do not have right to vote have shared vision that the main role should not end after the vote on the Election Day. It is time for the silent power people to help Thai pre-election politics to attain quality. It is their right to vote for whom. They must think carefully about the candidates' background. It should not be political business. They should not be forced to vote by canvassers. They must work together to push the modern Thai politics to be better. Then, it will survive from the old vicious cycle.

I have 3 principles that I would like to leave as follows.

People should be implanted that their votes are the future of the country. In social media age, I believe that the silent power Thais will work together to share to the public to learn about the rights and duties of the modern Thais. They should think carefully and decide without any external influences like local leaders or canvassers.

In some areas, the canvassers are hired to be the nominees of the old political groups. For example, TAO or municipal are their main political bases. Therefore, good value implants for TAO or municipal leaders are essential.

Because the political parties do like this, the new political groups or the new politicians in the old parties should be developed so that people can have freedom to vote on their own.

The new election commissioners are going to work on this. Several are neutral and well-wishers to the country. One is Mr. Takorn Tantasith, the NBTC Secretary-General. He should be the one who helps creating social media for

promoting morality in politics so that Thais can survive from political family businesses. Then, people can truly have power to vote without any influences from local leaders supported by political businesses. Besides organizing the election, the new election commissioners should spend time on implanting the importance of democracy.

I firmly believe that there should be well-wisher groups like academic groups or NGOs to be political volunteers to implant the s

The new election commissioners must work with academic sector and people to gather the neutral volunteers. They can vote for anyone. They should make decision on their own.

I would like to cite Mahatma Gandhi's 7 principles as follows.

Seven Social Sins by Mahatma Gandhi

POLITICS WITHOUT PRINCIPLES
WEALTH WITHOUT WORK
PLEASURE WITHOUT CONSCIENCE
KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT CHARACTER
COMMERCE WITHOUT MORALITY
SCIENCE WITHOUT HUMANITY
WORSHIP WITHOUT SACRIFICE

The first principle is very important. Gandhi said that "politics must have principles". It should refer to the politics for the society as a whole, transparency and country. In this election, if Gandhi's first principle is applied, it will be very helpful.

How can we help the voters to realize this?

After the election and the set-up of the new government, I would like to cite the quotation from Dr. Surin Pitsuwan who has passed away.

He said that "the quality of the elected politicians party come from the civil servants."

The civil servants of all ministries in Thailand have low quality because they serve politicians instead of people. They lack professionalism and morality and ethics.

Chinese politics led by Xi Jinping did much better than Thailand because Xi Jinping requires the Chinese and civil servants to have these qualities.

-Professionalism

-Morality and ethics

According to Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, nowadays, civil servants do it for attaining the position as the honor for the families. They do not care for the people. They lack professionalism. They have position but are actually unqualified. They are poor in ethics. When they are C8 level civil servants, they try to get promoted to C9 level. When they are C9 level civil servants, they try to get promoted to C10 level. They craze for the position. This weakness will make them the politicians' victims.

I hope that this election is not the job for the politics, political business or canvassers only. It should be what all Thais protect for the country. They should prevent the politics from being some people's self-benefit, or patronage system or family business. Thais must work together.



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