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Law, leadership, and loyalty all play a precise role in sufficiently running a country. One might say that a democracy is best suited to properly organize a country. Others might say a monarchy, or liberal government would be better. Here in Bangkok Thailand, since 1782, the Chakri Dynasty has ruled over the citizens of Thailand. Today's King, the longest reigning monarch in history, is Bhumibol Adulyadej.<sup>1</sup> Bhumibol Adulyadej is known for his profound and growing knowledge, his generosity, and his problem solving ability. His majesty the king has made many contributions to humanities, and continues to do so as the population develops.<sup>2</sup> With an excellent understanding and education in human development, Bhumibol Adulyadej has become Thailand's most influential and respectful King.

Before His Majesty accepted the throne, he finished his education in Switzerland studying proper knowledge of the government. This is crucial to his contribution to humanities because his studies helped him reign with the people's best interest in mind.<sup>3</sup> One of Bhumibol Adulyadej's significant contributions to the Chakri Dynasty has simply been being a good listener. In doing so, he has traveled to different providences to listen to what his people want and need. He was actually the first King to travel to all corners of his country in order to make the desired changes.<sup>4</sup> His Majesty helps the Thai citizens in every way he can, and in return the loyalty and appreciation of the Chakri Dynasty has grown. Thus, he is improving the Thai

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<sup>1</sup> Mydans, Seth. "Bhumibol Adulyadej." *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*. 2011. Web. 02 Feb. 2010. <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhumibol\\_Adulyadej](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhumibol_Adulyadej)>.

<sup>2</sup> "United Nations Development Programme Human Development Lifetime Achievement Award." *United Nations Development Programme - Thailand*. United Nations Development Programme, 26 May 2006. Web. 02 Feb. 2012. <<http://www.undp.or.th/specialinitiatives/award.html>>.

<sup>3</sup> Mydans, Seth. "Bhumibol Adulyadej." *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*. 2011. Web. 02 Feb. 2010. <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhumibol\\_Adulyadej](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhumibol_Adulyadej)>.

<sup>4</sup> "HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Rama IX of the Chakri Dynasty." *The Siamese Collection by Bing Soravij BhiromBhakdi*. Siamese Collection. Web. 02 Feb. 2012. <<http://www.soravij.com/rama9.html>>.

Kingdom by collaborating everyone as equals. Even visitors here are able to recognize and appreciate the improvements Bhumibol Adulyadej has made for the kingdom.

In one specific example, His Majesty has paid an extra special attention to Northern Thailand in regards to helping reduce production of opium harvests.<sup>5</sup> The citizens living in the north and along the borders of Thailand benefited greatly from this change in their health and in their education. Promoting human development is something His Majesty the King has taken upon himself to improve. His projects have benefited many people in rural areas, and he has never discriminated or overlooked anyone.

In His Majesty's philosophy of "Sufficiency Economy," he has shown by example the importance of moderation, production, and how to act in different situations.<sup>6</sup> This has helped not only the kingdom, but also the Thai economy. The kingdom was not going in a bad direction before Bhumibol Adulyadej took over, but he was able to take the kingdom where no one thought to go. In today's world you will hear on the news that some leaders in different countries are slow to act or act in a manner that is displeasing to their citizens. However, Bhumibol Adulyadej is very different in that sense and has really raised the bar here in Thailand for every future ruler to meet.

Another specific, yet more recent example of Bhumibol Adulyadej's care and concern for the citizens is how he has handled the threats and damages of the floods in late 2011. Although the floods were a manmade mistake due to the overflowing dams, the King tried his best to reach out to those that needed extra attention. The generosity through the thick and the thin of the

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<sup>6</sup> H.M. King Bhumibol's Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy." *Thailand*. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives. Web. 02 Feb. 2012. <[http://www.thaiwaysmagazine.com/thai\\_article/2413\\_sufficiency\\_economy/sufficiency\\_economy.html](http://www.thaiwaysmagazine.com/thai_article/2413_sufficiency_economy/sufficiency_economy.html)>.

Chakri Dynasty has pleasantly surprised many people outside of Thailand. Many rulers and leaders of neighboring countries could learn a lot from Bhumibol Adulyadej's example of what it truly means to be the voice of the people.

The King is known to be the ruler over all the land. His Majesty the King would not be the great leader that he is today without the support of all his people. Bhumibol Adulyadej's background in human development has been what has allowed him to contribute to today's society. In reality, Bhumibol Adulyadej has had numerous amounts of contributions in today's world. However, the subsidy from the King to humanities within his 60 year reigning period was, and still is, being an excellent spokesman. He really has shown interest and passion in giving the people what they want. In return, the Chakri Dynasty blossomed and gained power by appreciation. Sometimes all it takes is a good listener to make a difference, and Bhumibol Adulyadej is a perfect example of that.