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**The Secretariat of the Senate and the Role in Strengthening the Parliament  
as a Democratic Institution through the Implementation of Projects to Enhance  
Knowledge and Understanding of the Democratic Regime of Government with the  
King as Head of State, and the Roles, Duties, and Powers of the Senate for  
People and Youth**

The Secretariat of the Senate is the primary agency supporting the missions of the Senate in academic, legal, and public communication aspects. It focuses on enhancing knowledge and understanding regarding the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State, as well as the roles, duties, and powers of the Senate. Furthermore, it continuously promotes public participation in the democratic process by developing diverse communication channels for the public to ensure convenient, rapid, and comprehensive access to information, such as the Thai Senate website ([www.senate.go.th](http://www.senate.go.th)), the "Senate" Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/SenateThailand](http://www.facebook.com/SenateThailand)), and other modern online media. The Secretariat of the Senate, by the Bureau of Public Relations, recognizes the vital mission of strengthening the parliamentary institution as the core foundation of democratic governance. Consequently, it has implemented seven systematic and comprehensive projects on Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State and the roles, duties, and powers of the Senate to educate people and youth nationwide. These projects serve not only as platforms for knowledge transfer but also as forums to ignite ideas, build awareness, and forge democratic citizenship through truly open and participatory learning processes. This provides opportunities for people to express opinions, discuss reasoning, and play concrete roles in the democratic process leading the nation towards security, prosperity, and sustainability. These seven projects consist of:

**1. Participatory Training Project on Strengthening Democratic Leaders of the Senate**

This project aims to enhance knowledge about the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State and the roles, duties, and powers of the Thai Senate. It encourages leaders from various sectors and the public to have political participation with the Senate and the Secretariat of the Senate. Activities and contents

of the project include training on Thai parliamentary democracy, the roles, duties, and powers of the Senate. public political participation, societal expectations toward the performance of duties of the Senate, exchange of opinion on interested bill or laws, team building activities to promote democracy and study visits on the legislative system at the Parliament Building. Target groups include representatives from the academic, government, private, and public sectors.

## **2. Regional Democratic Leader Network Seminar (The Leader)**

This provides an opportunity for the Senate's democratic leader networks—who have passed previous training projects held by the Secretariat of the Senate—to review their understanding of the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State and the roles, duties, and powers of the Thai Senate, the Constitution, and the current political situations. It also aims to build good relationships between the Senate, the Secretariat of the Senate, and regional leader networks nationwide.

## **3. Model Teachers for Democracy Project (Senate Game-Based Learning)**

This project aims to enhance the knowledge of educational personnel regarding the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State and the roles, duties, and powers of the Thai Senate and create innovative teaching methods through Game-Based Learning. Teachers can utilize innovative democracy-based resources (board games) in educational institutions to help students realize the importance of the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State and the roles, duties, and powers of the Thai Senate. The target group consists of teachers, professors, and educational personnel.

## **4. Academic Quiz Competition on the Senate and Thai Politics for Senior High School Students or Equivalent (Senate Quiz Game)**

This is an academic quiz competition aiming to provide youth with knowledge regarding the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State and the roles, duties, and powers of the Senate in all dimensions through activities that focus on developing academic capability and potential.

## **5. Senate Program for Democratic Learning: SPDL**

This project encourages youth to realize the importance of the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State and promotes understanding of

principles and importance of democracy and political participation, promotes political communication and learn the democratic ways through logical and reasonable processes as well as responsible citizenship and social participatory coexistence. It aims to build realization on the importance of political culture in the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State, political participation in each social context, respect other's logic and reasoning as well as being representatives for new generation in publicizing accurate knowledge and understanding within their own community. Additionally, the Commission on Senate Program for Democratic Learning and the Senate Youth Network have been appointed to cooperate and act as networks to disseminate information and expand networks through various forms of related and beneficial activities.

#### **6. Project on Disseminating Knowledge on Politics and the Roles, Duties and Powers of the Senate to Youth in Educational Institutions (Mobile Model Parliament)**

This project directly disseminates knowledge on the Roles, Duties and Powers of the Senate to youth in educational institutions and continuously promotes knowledge on the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State and builds political participation with the Thai Senate. It allows youth to have an opportunity to role-play in the Sitting of the Senate through "Model Parliament" activities. It also serves as a channel to actively publicize the roles, duties and missions of the Senate and the Secretariat of the Senate. During the project the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** on cooperation in enhancing knowledge concerning the parliamentary system and the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State between the Secretariat of the Senate and educational institutions to create various forms of cooperation.

#### **7. Senators Meet the People Project**

This project provides a platform for citizens of all sectors and government officials at all levels to exchange knowledge which allows participation from the local, community, society and national level to drive the country forward in unity and systematic manner. It aims to promote realization in national and social responsibility, leading to a happy, well-being, peaceful, and just society as well as peaceful, orderly

and unified country with sustainable development following the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State. The target group includes people in villages, sub-districts, and districts, as well as the education sectors, government agencies, private organizations, the media across and other groups across Thailand.

The on-site visits under this project are conducted by the Commission to publicize roles, duties and performance of the Senate and listen to key local issues. Information, grievances, and suggestions received from the project are analyzed for consideration and follow-up through Senate mechanisms. The Senators Meet the People Project builds an effective connection between the public and the legislative branch, serving as a basis for creating "policy recommendations" that meet real needs and utilizing the Senate mechanisms to drive the issues toward the executive branch and relevant committees for solutions.

The Secretariat of the Senate has driven the core mission to strengthen the Thai Parliament as a democratic institution through these seven systematic and continuous projects. By cultivating democratic knowledge and awareness of citizenship under the Democratic Regime of Government with the King as Head of State among people and youth across the country alongside creating spaces for constructive participation at all levels, it has fostered a concrete link between the public agency and the people, enhancing social cooperation networks and transforming the knowledge into concrete implementation. This is a vital force in genuinely driving Thailand toward stability, transparency, participation, and sustainability under democratic principles.

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