



INTRODUCTION.....

The intention of the author of "Muslim in Thailand" is to show our brother and sister in Thailand the facts of the history. In the past many of the leaders in Thailand said that if Muslims in the South of Thailand would like to separate from this country, they could go themselves but they could not take even one piece of land with them. Words like these are the words of irresponsible persons. They said that because they did not know at all that most of the Muslims in the southern part of Thailand had been born there and had lived their entire lives ever many generations. In fact, they had been living there for much more than one thousand years. They were there before the Thai nation group migrated from the South of China. When the Muslim people in the south were badly treated by government officials, they had to stand up and struggle for justice. When His Majesty the King established the Taksin Rajnives, a palace in Narathivas Province, and the King and the Queen together with their family began to stay in the Taksin Palace every year, Muslims in the south had the chance feel tremendously grateful to their Majestices

The history of Thailand cover the Sukhothai, Ayudhya, Dhonburi and Bangkok Periods. All of the Thai population, both Buddhist and Muslim, use to live together happily. They worked together to develop their country. When our country had an enemy, the Buddhists and the Muslims, united to protect their country. When our country had an enemy, the Buddhists and the Muslims, united to protect their nation. Many Muslims sacrificed their property and even their lives for the sake of their country. We have a very good record in this country for never having had any conflicts between Thai Buddhists and Thai Muslims at all.

I hope that this book will be very informative and will serve as a good reference to promote better understanding among all of our population. I, as the writer ask



the forgiveness of readers if there are some words or ideas in this book that disturb the feeling of anyone. If anyone has any suggestion, please do not hesitate to write to me at once. I will feel many thank for your kind interest.

Lastly I would like to express my deep gratitude for the kindness of Allah, The Mighty God, who gave me such joyous success in my writing. May Allah bless us all with peace and happiness

With Love and Salam

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