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This thesis, Language Characteristic of Naming His Majesty Thai Ship, aims to study on the usage of Thai language in naming Royal Thai Ship which can be separated into three important factors. First one is the part of word formation, the study focuses on the number of syllable and the type of word.

The second, the research emphasizes on the derivation of word and the influences on naming the Royal Thai Ship. The last factor is the study on the meaning of the Royal Thai ship's names. The datas used for the research are based on two sources. The names of Royal Thai ship since the era of Phrabat Somdet Phra Pormen Maha Mongkut, Phra Chom Klao Chaoyouhua (King Rama IV) until the era of King Bhumibol Adulyadej (King Rama IX) is the first source. All of it are collected from Royal Thai Navy's website (www.navy.mi.th). The second data source is the teaching's document of captain Yas Kaewkumnerd.

The study achieves the purposes and found that, in the first part of word formation the number of syllable frequently used in are 3 syllables, 2 syllables, 4 syllables, 5 syllables, 1 syllables, 7 syllables and 6 syllables bzw. The types of word always use in the names of the Royal Thai Ship are compound word (%) and transliterated word (%). For the second part about language that used by most in top 3 ranking are one language (%), two language, three language, and four language. Third part, the study on the meaning of the Royal Thai Ship, revealed the ranking of popular meaning always used, as follows

1. The meaning about place.
2. The meaning about water or river.
3. The other meanings.
4. The meaning about name of king, also his greatness.
5. The meaning about power.
6. The meaning about battle or war.
7. The meaning about victory.
8. The meaning about mightiness.
9. The meaning about Thai's period of time.
10. The meaning about country.
11. The meaning about the God or angel.
12. The meaning about speed.
13. The meaning about the characters in the literature.

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