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The objectives of this research are to examine the subject headings on public health, created by the public health libraries under the Ministry of University Affairs, concerning the manuals used in creating subject headings, the methods of creating subject headings and the problems of the existing subject headings; to collect the subject headings in the Thai subject headings manuals and those created by librarians and to compare their characteristics by its types and its language usage; to study the need of the use of subject headings of the public health scholars. The tools used in this research are the subject headings survey form, the interview form, and the questionnaire.

The results are found that : the manuals which the librarians use are "Subject Headings for Thai Books" (published by the Working Group on Cataloging and Classification of the Sub-Committee of Academic Library Development), "Library of Congress Subject Headings", and "National Library of Medicine's Medical Subject Headings"; the librarians create subject headings according to the titles of publications and use the subject terms derived from the manuals and also used by the public health scholars. The problems of the public health subject headings are the inadequacy, the out-of-date and the lack of specificity. The main subject headings in the manuals are compound nouns while librarians create compound nouns as sub-divisions of the subject headings; and the public health scholars need more specific subject headings in the form of compound nouns to facilitate the access to information.

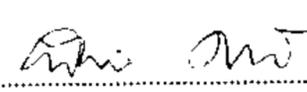
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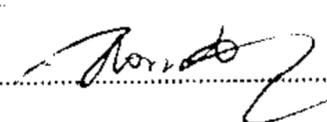
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