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The objective of this research is to study the operation of government publications in the state academic libraries. This paper examines the process of acquisition, storing, and service as well as problems and suggestion. Also, it is a survey research. The questionnaires are used a study tool to collect data from the directors and librarians of 25 state academic libraries under the Ministry of University Affairs' control in both the central and rural parts.

The result of the research is found that the librarians assign the policy of government publications operation in most libraries, but it is unwritten. By the structural characteristics of an organization and personnel's administration, the libraries don't separate government publications operation from general books, and there is no budget set-for government publications. For acquisition work, government publications are selected through gift and donation from every department of government agencies. For storage work, they are classified and stored as general books. Reference tools for accessing government publications are like : card catalogs and computerized data base by INNOPAC package software. For user service, they will given to serve as general books, namely, they could be used inside and outside the library. Besides, there are a service of a question-answer and searching, giving an instrument for searching and others. The persons who have the right to get a service like : teachers, students, other officials in the university and common people. The severe problems faced by librarians are : no organization is responsible to be a centre to collect the lists of all distributed government publications, no central organization particularly published government publications, and no government agency is known to issue any publications.

The result of the research can be a guideline to the librarians for improving the government publications operation in the library more efficiently.

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