

SHA-NAN-NA PRASOMKUSONSIL : THE USE OF DUCOUMENTS BY DAILY NEWSPAPER  
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The objective of this research is to study how daily newspaper columnists make use of documents. In particular, the research examines types, subject matters, languages, and ages of documents used as well as quantity, sources, and problems related to the use of documents.

The result shows that daily columnists make extensive use of newspaper. In regard to subject matters, columnists use documents in almost all subject which can be sort in order of importance as follows : general knowledge, social sciences, linguistics, geography tourism and history, philosophy, theology, literature, technology, and arts. Reference to documents concerning natural science is less common.

Most columnists make extensive use of Thai documents especially those not older than 6 months.

In regard to sources of documents, the study shows that most columnists use their privately-owned documents. The most common problem related to document usage is that columnists normally have insufficient time to conduct exhaustive research from various sources. Problem pertaining to newspaper library is that information in the library is inadequate and cannot meet colomnists' needs.

The correlation test of types, subject matters, languages, ages of documents, sources, problems about document usage and characteristics of columnists (ages, education, experience), number of articles as well as contents of articles, shows that types and subject matters correlate with the number of articles normally written. Problems about newspaper library also correlate with the ages of columnists.