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The purpose of this research was to study the influence of the foreign education on the Thai national education schemes from B.E. 2441 to B.E. 2464. Primary and secondary documents were used in this study. The presentation was done by means of historical analysis.

It was found that there were influences of the British and Japanese education on the Thai national education schemes both in reign of King Rama V and King Rama VI concerning the setting of curriculums, subjects, learner's age and level of education. The first scheme (B.E. 2441) was influenced by British education. The second scheme (B.E. 2445) was influenced by Japanese education. The other schemes from B.E. 2450-2464 were also influenced by both mentioned countries; for instance, the educational system "Formal Schooling" as operated in England and were reformed according to Japanese education later especially the vocational education. The acceptance of the foreign education influences on the Thai national education schemes were initiated by the Kings, ambassadors, supervisors and ministers of the Ministry of Education (Krasuang Thammakarn) who had foreign educational experiences.