

Vichuda Prayyong 2013: Chinese Language Loan Words in Literatures of Dhonburi Period: Social and Cultural Studies. Doctor of Philosophy (Thai Language), Major Field: Thai Language, Department of Thai Language. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Wilaisak Kingkam, Ph.D. 176 pages.

This research studied the features of Chinese loan words used in the literature of the Dhonburi period and Chinese loan words as a reflection of the society and culture. The data was gathered from 21 pieces of literature of the Dhonburi period. The data was divided into 2 parts; Chinese loan words in literature of the Dhonburi period and the analysis of Chinese loan words as a reflection of the society and culture of the Dhonburi period. The research instrument was the Microsoft Word Access. Linguist experts in Chinese loan words were interviewed to establish the origin of loan words.

The research found 25 Chinese loan words in the literatures of the Dhonburi period were transliterated. They were classified into 8 groups. Thoses were 1) words used for food 2) for equipments and inventions 3) for the arts and culture 4) for status or rank 5)for architecture6) for places 7) for nature, and 8) for miscellaneous items. The words originated, from 3 Chinese languages; Teo Chew, Cantonese, and Hokkien.

The study revealed that there were 6 chinese loan words related to social and cultural aspects, 18 chinese loan words related to culture, and 18 chinese loan words originated from Teo Chew.

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