

Pawina Chansuwan 2012: An Analysis Study of Idiomatic Expression of Thai Politics in News Magazine from 2008 to 2010. Master of Arts (Thai Language), Major Field: Thai Language, Department of Thai Language. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Siriwan Nantachantoon, Ph.D. 270 pages.

The objectives of this research were to study characteristics, methods, and components; to analyse sources and meanings; and to study Thai social and political jargons as reflected through 4,128 new Idiomatic Expression of Thai politics. The resources of the study were the News Magazine namely Matichon and Siam Rath, circulated during December 2008 - July 2010.

The results regarding the studied of 6 characteristics of the new Idiomatic Expression of Thai politics found that metaphors were employed the most, followed by new phrases or sentences, transliterated words, rhyme words, and repeated words, whereas duplicating word was the least. Regarding 4 methods of the new Idiomatic Expression of Thai politics creation found that, newly composing was distinctively considered the popular technique, while changing current words' meaning from the old ones, transforming the existing phrases into new expressions were seen in general, but using new contexts words was rarely found. Regarding the 3 components of the new Idiomatic Expression of Thai politics was found phrases, single words and compound word, and predicates or sentences. However, results regarding the analyzed of 19 sources of the new Idiomatic Expression of Thai politics was found mostly derived from the up-to-date situations, Thai traditions and cultures played a second role as well as human behaviours and natures, but Thai literatures and folk tales were seldom mentioned. Regarding 2 meanings of the new Idiomatic Expression of Thai politics was found connotation meaning were greatly used in most political articles of the magazines and later with denotation meaning. The results regarding the studied of 12 terms of Thai social and political jargons as reflected through 4,128 new Idiomatic Expression it was found that the obvious content reflected through the language was a political power of some prestige groups or the patronage system, political movement of Thai society as well as rule violation and corruption were also detected; however, reaction of Thais towards the politics played a small role.

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