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This thesis was purposed to study “The Characteristics of Pronunciation Reading Changed in Thai” and aimed at 1) studying of the characteristics of pronunciation changed in Thai language and 2) comparing the characteristics of pronunciation in Thai language which was registered more than 2 ways. The reference data based on this study were those Thai words of pronunciation reading changed in lexicon of 2470 B.E. and dictionary of the Royal Institute of 2493, 2525 and 2542 B.E.

The results regarding the characteristics of pronunciation changed in Thai language showed that 1) the characteristics of changing in amount of words was found that there were 212 words of increasing 62.54%, 95 words of remaining 28.02%, 18 words of decreasing 5.31%, and 2) the characteristics of changing in sound of pronunciation was found that there were 149 words of sound change 43.95%, 116 words of sound supplement 34.22%, and 56 words of sound shorten 16.52%.

The results regarding comparing the characteristics of pronunciation in Thai language which was registered more than 2 ways showed that 1) amount of 271 words was changed by 2 ways registration of 96.10%, and 2) registration of pronunciation more than 2 ways by supplement 47.52%, 85 words of sound change 30.14%, and 50 words of sound shorten 17.73%.

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