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The purposes of this study are 1) to study code-switching between Tai Dam and Central Thai of Tai Dam residents in Sapattana Subdistrict, Kamphaeng Saen, Nakhon Pathom with regards to age and style; and 2) to study the relationships between beliefs towards code-switching and the behaviors of code-switching in their daily lives. The sample consisted of nine people from the target area.

The research instruments used were audio- recorded observations and interviews. The gathered data were analyzed by using the analytical description method. The findings reviewed four types of code-switching: tag-switching, intra-sentential switching, inter-sentential switching and long turns. The purposes of the code-switching were to understand the meaning of the words or phrases used, to show social solidarity, and to show attitudes or emotions. It was also revealed that age and style influenced the frequency of code-switching at different levels. The study further revealed that beliefs towards code-switching did not always correspond to the behavior of code-switching in the daily life conversations. This research is beneficial for studying code-switching in other languages in the field of sociolinguistics.

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