

Master's Report Title	The Study of Northern Khmer Magic Vocabularies in Amphoe Krasang Buriram Province
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ABSTRACT

The objective of this research is to study the pattern of cult ceremony and some Khmer magic vocabulary items from the Sadoh-kroh (kææ kruah) ceremony and Suat-rasi (soot riia- sæj) in Amphoe Krasang, Buriram Province. The result of the study indicates that the pattern of cult ceremony reflects the magic beliefs as well as Buddhism beliefs of the people there. The Sadoh-kroh (kææ kruah) ceremony uses Buddhamantra in praying. For the Suat-rasi (soot riiasæj) ceremony, besides using Buddhamantra in praying, the prayers of the ceremony are Buddhist monks. The magic vocabularies are collected from native speakers who live in the area. The research reflects different development between the Khmer language used in Amphoe Krasang and that used in Cambodia. It also shows that most magic vocabulary items are borrowed from Pali and Sanskrit languages instead of being the local one, and some are borrowed from the Thai language. We can study about the instruments, the styles of living and the ancient beliefs from magic vocabularies. This is because among the Northern Khmer vocabularies used in this area, the magic vocabularies change the least. It is suggested that the

materials used in the ceremony and their positions signify some beliefs of people which should be further studied. The vivid studies of the interpretation of the material used in the ceremony and their positions are needed.