Thesis Title

Computer Use in the Presentation of Thai Musical Terms

Name

Pichet Setapong

Degree

Master of Arts. (Cultural studies)

Thesis Supervisory Committee

Lakana Daoratanahong B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Pichit Chaisaree B.A. (Hons), M.A.

Assadaporn Nuchprayoon B.A. (First Class Hons), M.S., Ph.D.

Date of Graduation

6 August B.E. 2540 (1997)

ABSTRACT

In this research, a computer program was made in order to present Thai musical terms by using texts, pictures, sounds and videos.

The Thai musical terms in this program were divided into 5 groups: musical instruments, musical bands, general musical terms, names of songs and names of masters of music. There are good systems of word finding and word connection. The program is filled with a lot of data and it is easy to use. All of these were recorded in a CD-ROM disk.

From the research, we can see that computers are very useful for cultural studies. Picture, sounds and videos are very interesting and can help us to understand Thai music very easily. Also, huge data are really useful to us. Even though the computers can help us to transfer or give knowledge about Thai music culture, they cannot really replace human music teachers.