

Abstract

This research aimed at studying and understanding the Malay-Muslims living in the southern border provinces from Thai contemporary novels and short stories (B.E. 2516-2555). This also included extracting the lessons learned from the students' experience based on the analysis of the short stories relating to southern border of Thailand. The analysis was related to the views on value of human being, peacefulness, toleration and learning to live together. The documentary research was employed as the research methodology. The multidisciplinary integration together with the study of the relationship of the content components of the literature was used to analyze the data. The result of the study leads to the learning and understanding of the characters as they were the representation of Malay-Muslims such as the use of toleration by those who make a living with others with patience, kindness, forgiveness and without discrimination. They live in a way that doesn't hurt the environment, and each member is mutually dependent on the others. The value is considered to be more important than price. Regarding people who do value themselves more than they value other people including treating each other unequally, with bias or favour, this would destroy foundations of living together in peace apart from leading to conflict. For the extraction of the lessons learned from the students' experience, this would help them reflect the social problems, in which they also encounter and can link the relationship between the content learned and the development of their social responsibility consciousness. As a result, the return to the happy life depends on how people agree to have an open-minded view of value and ways of life of different people. The return of human value and dignity to all people is part of the return of peace to southern border society.