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 Dialect at Phothong Sub-district

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ABSTRACT

This thesis is an attempt to present a phonological analysis of Nakhon Si Thammarat Malay dialect, a Malayo-Polynesian language as spoken at Phothong sub-district, Thasala district, Nakhon Si Thammarat province and to compare it with that of Nakhian sub-district, Muang district, Nakhon Si Thammarat province.

The thesis is divided into 4 chapters. The first chapter is an introduction. The second chapter analyzes the phonology of Phothong Malay which consists of the Intonation Group, the Stress Group, the Syllable and the Phoneme. The third chapter contains phonological comparisons of Nakhon Si Thammarat Malay Dialect at Nakhian sub-district and Nakhon Si Thammarat Malay Dialect at Phothong sub-district. The fourth chapter deals with the conclusion of the study as well as some suggestions for further studies. Moreover, there are three appendices. The first one presents a comparative Swadesh 100-word list between Phothong Malay and Nakhian Malay, the second one presents a comparative

word list between Phothong Malay and Thasak Malay, and the third one is Phothong Malay glossary of 1,500 words.

From the study, there are 18 consonants, 11 vowels, one type of Intonation Contour, 3 types of word structure and 3 types of syllable structure in Phothong Malay. In addition, this study shows that the two dialects of Malay speaker in Nakhon Si Thammarat province are very similar.