

Factors Influencing Changes in the Lifestyle of Thai –Muslims Of the
Fathulbari Mosque Community , Bangkapi District , Bangkok.

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This research is based on a mixed-method approach and is designed in an attempt to investigate factors influencing changes in the lifestyle, attitudes, and behavior of Thai-Muslims living in the Fathulbari Mosque Community, Bangkapi District, Bangkok.

The collection methods of this study were divided into two major sections. The data collection procedures were first started by conducting interviews with community leaders and pious Muslims with a total of 45 people. The interview results obtained from them were then used to construct the questionnaire items. In the selection of the questionnaire respondents, 253 Thai-Muslims living in the Fathulbari Mosque Community and being registered members of Muslim mosques were chosen using a purposive sampling technique. The selection criteria were based on gender, age, occupation, and income. Descriptive statistics were used to analyze the results of the questionnaire.

The results reveal that gender is the major factor influencing changes in the lifestyle of people in terms of ways to behave toward others. These include being insincere, participating in community activities regarding moral development, and warning other community members who disobey the Islamic code of conduct. Gender also plays a role in changes in the lifestyle of people in the aspect of consuming and utilizing; taking part in social gatherings with music, singing, and dancing is in particular. Another aspect is related to problem solving and emotion management. These include way to saying swear words when being angry.

In terms of attitudes and behavior of Thai-Muslims of the Fathulbari Mosque Community, Bangkapi District, Bangkok, it is found that their attitudes and behavior toward life can be classified into two aspects, namely attitudes and behavior in living a life in accordance with Islamic culture and attitudes and behavior in living a life against Islamic culture. With regard to attitudes and behavior in living a life in accordance with Islamic culture, three aspects are found out in this study, including religious principles, marriage, and occupation. Another three aspects regarding attitudes and behavior in living a life against Islamic culture are also found. They are