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This research studied the polarization entanglement of photon pairs which generated by spontaneous parametric down-conversion process in nonlinear crystals beta barium borate ( $\beta - BaB_2O_4$ ). The diode laser 405 nm modulated by rectangular signal from function generator was used as a pump source. Two  $\beta - BaB_2O_4$  crystals were cut for type-I phase matching each dimension of  $5.0 \times 5.0 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^3$  were placed face-to-face with the optic axis made  $90^\circ$  to each other. The phase different occurs from different of speed of light in crystals could be compensated by using half-wave plate and quarter-wave plate both are quartz. The polarization state of the system described above was  $|\phi^-\rangle = (|HH\rangle - |VV\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$ . The polarization correlation between photon pairs was a sine function with the visibility of 93%. The entanglement between photons was measured by violation of Bell's inequality in Clauser-Horne-Shimony and Holt version. We found that the Bell parameter  $S = 2.55 \pm 0.046$  which is 12 standard deviation higher than the classical allowed  $|S| \leq 2$ . Therefore, the polarization of photon pairs was in quantum regime.

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