

Wipusa Sangsinchai 2012: A Study of the Art of Writing and Thai Identity in the Recitation Verse. Master of Arts (Thai Language), Major Field: Thai Language, Department of Thai Language. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Surasith Thairatana, Ph.D. 250 pages.

The objective of this research was to study the art of writing regarding the used of words, prosody, figure of speech and to study the Thai identity in the recitation verses. The data was based on 64 recitation verses in the Thai textbook of the Education Ministry.

The study of the art of writing in the recitation verses showed that 1) word meaning, there were used of 5 types of words i.e. denotation, connotation, words which had meaning according to the sounds, multiple meanings words, and synonyms, 2) art of word usage, there were 4 types of art i.e. word played, repeated words or phrases in different places of the same context, using repeated word, and using synonyms. For the prosody showed that there were used of 5 types in the recitation verses i.e. Klon Suphap as the most found of 29.69%, Klong Sisuphap of 14.06%, Kap Yani 11 of 10.94%, Intharawichianchan 11 of 7.81%, Klon Si and Klon Doksoy had the same percentage of 6.25%, Klon Sepha of 4.69%, Ray Suphap Kap Surangkhanang 28 Kap Chabang 16 and Kapherue had the same percentage of 3.13%, Klon Sakkawa Klon for the drama Ray Yao Kap Hoklong and Pesananatchan 16 had the same percentage of 1.56%. For the figure of speech, showed that there were used of 12 types in the recitation verses i.e. rhetorical question ranks as the most found of 24.63%, metaphor of 20.20%, personification of 18.72%, simile of 12.32%, Metonymy and synesthesia had exactly the same percentage of 6.90%, allusion of 2.96%, hyperbole of 2.46%, Paradox overstatement and analogy had the same percentage of 1.48%, synecdoche of 0.49%. Oxymoron was not found.

The study of the Thai identity in the recitation verses showed that there were used of 7 aspects i.e. Buddhist society 25.53%, praising wise men 21.28, Thai arts 17.02%, regarding kin and relatives 14.89%, agricultural society and capital society has the same number i.e. 8.51% and respect the Monarchy 4.26%.

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