

## ABSTRACT

This research work is an analysis of 272 academic documents on senior citizens in Thailand which were published between 1950 and 1989. The aim is to study the progress of knowledge and its presentation concerning senior citizens in Thailand, the purpose and other aspects of the presenters such as ideas, interests and value which belong to the social condition and culture of the document-producers as reflected in the documents.

Research methodology : analyze 272 sampling documents by studying the following 5 aspects ; type of document, type of publisher, writer's profession, year of publication and type of contents. The contents are divided into 5 categories ; social environment of senior citizens, economic condition, health and miscellaneous subjects concerning senior citizens. the researcher studies each document individually, compiles the frequencies of each aspect and calculates the percentage.

Research conclusion :

1. Progress of knowledge on senior citizens in Thailand:

There have been studies on senior citizens' health continually from 1950 to 1989. The number of documents on this subject increases especially between 1981 and 1983. Before 1967, there was no study on economic aspect of senior citizens, but from 1967 to 1989 there are documents covering all aspects.

2. Presentation of knowledge on senior citizens in Thailand :

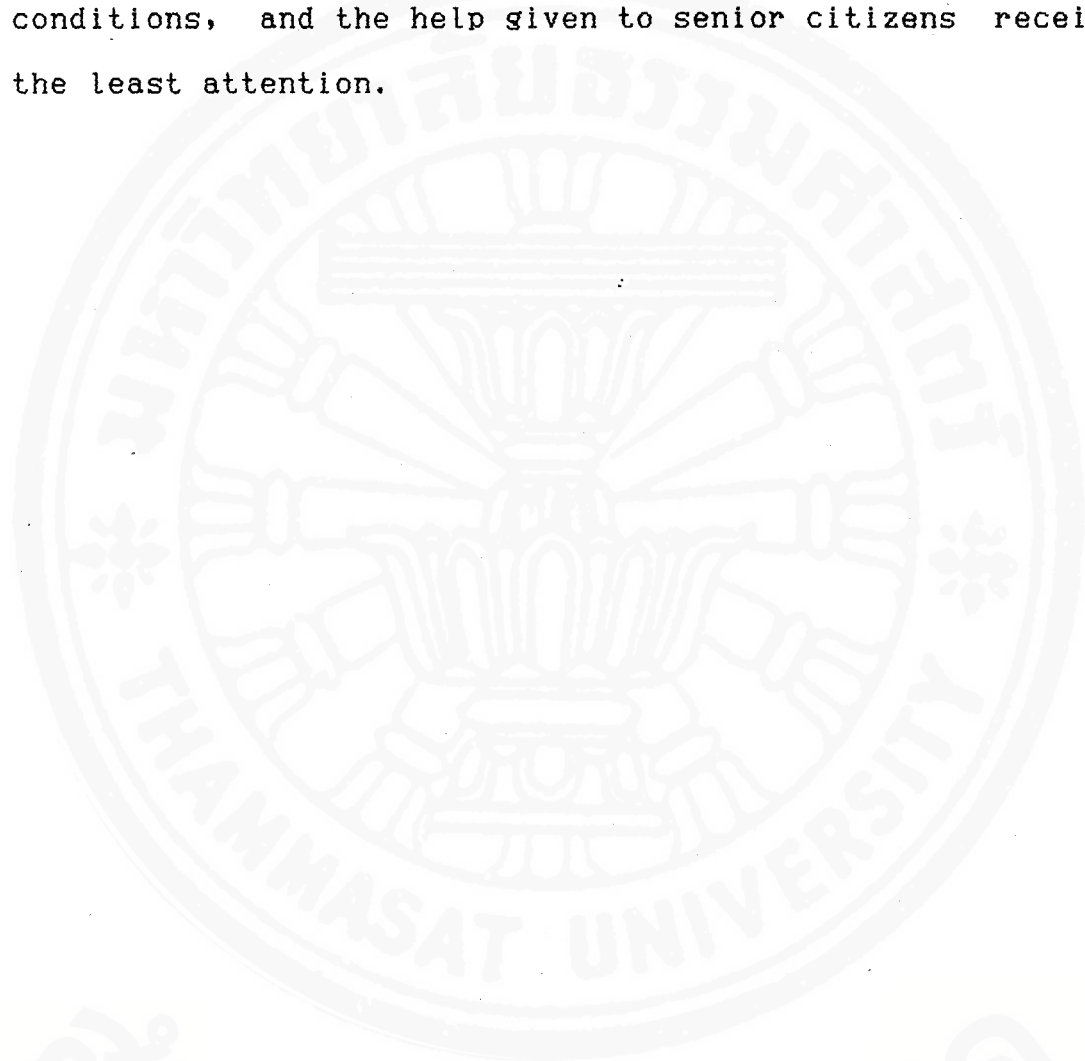
Presentaion in form of articles receives highest preference because medical researcher are usually presented in form of articles; the subject of health is most frequent and it is written by those in medical profession.

3. Purpose and other aspects :

The producers of document come equally from private and government sectors. They produce approximately equal numbers of documents and the subject of health of senior citizens is the most frequent. As for their profession, the greatest number belongs to the medical profession. Writers who are medical doctors produce most articles on senior citizens health.

4. Ideas, interest and values which belong to social condition and culture of document-producers as reflected in the documents :

In the study of senior citizens in Thailand, the health of senior citizens is the subject which receives the greatest interest, followed by social environment, economic conditions, and the help given to senior citizens receives the least attention.



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