

Abstract

The results of the research's Topic "The Role and ritual in life divination of Lua (Plang) at Huay nam Khun Village Mae Fah Luang District, Chiang Rai has a purpose to understand the ritual's methodology involved with the belief and life forecasting to understand the comparison with the transformation of ritual in life divination to present time, and to understand the role and ritual in life in everyday life.

This research used Qualitative research methodology by conducting In-Depth interview with person who perform the ritual, to analyze the documents, scripts within the book of prophecy and participated observation that lies on the frame of thinking or Structuralism-folklore, Bio-ethnology, Ethnicity, and Cultural studies in order to explain the relationship between personal belief in the ritual in life divination and existing of ethnic group, which related to animals, vegetation, and the area in the society that comprises to cultural organization.

This research found out that the structure of the ritual in divination will consist of the Ethnic group society who follows the rule of evolution in the social, it is an assemble of Hunter-gatherer society and Agriculture society.

To change the belief of prophecy, the prediction shows that the relationship system between human and the nature are more complex and diverse. At the present, this relation has been translated into a single relation, only for the reason of economic resources.

For life forecasting has been defined the prediction which consists of the Structure of social organization. It links the ethnic group members together; there are:

- 1) Difference
- 2) Communication
- 3) Decisions
- 4) Authority
- 5) Ideology
- 6) Discipline

An unofficial cultural organization has been created the relation system into two formats; Horizontal relation, is a relation in the area of production and Vertical relation is a relation of Power.

However, even though human being has been influenced by these two kinds of relations. Human being still can always be relate to the belief and core value through life forecasting, so that the cultural organization will continue to function.

Key word

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