Guidelines for Research Articles and Review Articles to be Published in the Rajabhat Maha Sarakham University Journal (Humanities and Social Sciences)

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Preparation of the manuscript

Please note the following instructions:

1. **The manuscript can be in Thai English.** Use of Thai should be based on the vocabulary principles and ter-minology in the Royal Academic Dictionary. Avoid mixing English and Thai. If it cannot be avoided it should be written in Thai followed by English in brackets.

2. **Page set up.**The Microsoft Word program should be used A4 (8.5"x11"). All margins C left, right, top and bottom should be 1" (2.5 cms.) There should be two columns and page numbering.

3. **Font** Both Thai and English should use Angsana New as follows: title 18 pt.; author and main topic 16 pt. bold; subordinate topic 14 pt. bold, text 14pt. The first footnote that shows the academic position of author and address should be 12 pt.

4. **Article length** Articles must not exceed 15 pages inclusive of charts, graphs and references.

5. **Tables, pictures, figures, diagrams and graphs** These must be included in the material and in grayscale-not color or colored illustrations. The heading of tables should be at the top of the data. Figure heading of charts and graphs must be given below including a clear description.

6. **Manuscript** submission Authors should sent by **Website http://gs.rmu.ac.th/rmuj and website: http://www.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/rmuj**

Types of manuscript

1. **Research articles**These present the results of research. They may be concept papers or complete research. The author can de-cide which.

1.1Preliminaries

1.1.1 Title

The title should be clear and concise. It should be not longer than 100 characters. The title should first be in Thai and then in English. Use capitals for the initial letter of the first word and all other words except articles and prepositions. For scientific names use italics without underline. If there is a Thai name also give the scientific names.

1.1.2 Authors and Co-authors

Please indicate your full name both in Thai and English. For English, use capital letter with the given and family names. If there are many co-authors, please mark with an asterisk (*) including addresses (institution, street with number, post code, town, country), and in particular one phone number, and an e-mail address for correspondence.

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1.1.3 Abstract both in Thai and English

The abstract should not more than 300 words. This summary should be clear and concise. It should summarized the main point without going into details.

1.1.4 Keywords

Keywords should not be identical to expressions contained already in the title. Keywords should be written in Thai and English and followed by a maximum of 5 keywords shown at the end of each ab-stract.

1.2 Research articles in humanities and social sciences such as linguistic, social sciences, public admin-istration, law, education, commercial sciences and accounting.

1.2.1 Introduction. The introduction shouldconsist of background, literature reviews and reasons for doing this research.

1.2.2 Objectives. The objectives should ex-plain the important issues and cover all of the research.

1.2.3 Hypothesis. Any hypothesis should be descriptive and related to all variables.

1.2.4 Scope. The scope should include a conceptual framework

1.2.5 Research methodology. The research methodology should indicate the research plans, surveys, documentaries, experiments etc.

1.2.6 Population. The population should cover all variables

1.2.7 Sample. The sample should explain the formulation of the sample group.

1.2.8 Research instrument. The research instrument should explain the type of instrument, test of the instrument and the improvement of the instrument.

1.2.9 Data collection. The data collection method showed the duration of data collection.

1.2.10 Data analysis. The description of the statistics used in the data analysis.

1.2.11 Results: Results should be reported in a concise form by focusing on objectives achieved.
Results should be described in the report. Authors are encouraged to use pictures, tables, charts and graphs in the text and describe them briefly.

1.2.12 Discussion: This discusses how the results of the research compare with the objectives, the research questions or former research reported.

1.2.13 Conclusion: The research should finish with conclusions that researched from the research and give an idea for further application and research.

1.2.14 Suggestion will present the distinction
of the research and a guideline for the next research.

1.2.15 Acknowledgements : This sections hould be as short as possible. This should includethe supporting budget and contributions from persons or organizations.

1.2.16 References: All references cited in the text have to be listed by using APA Citation Style. Formatting of references will be placed after notes. For more information, please visit http://gs.rmu.ac.th/rmuj

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translation works and academic texts.

2.1 First section

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2.1.2 Authors and Co-authors Please indicateyour full name both in Thai and English. For English, use capital letter with the given and family names. If there are many co-authors, please mark with an asterisk (*) including addresses (institution, street with number, post code, town, country), and in particular one phone number, and an e-mail address for correspondence. (For students, please indicate educational level, field and institution)

2.1.3 Summary : The article should be summarized clearly and concisely both in Thai and English in not more than 300 words.

2.1.4 Keywords : Keywords should be written in Thai and English and followed by a maximum of 5 keywords shown at the end of each abstract.

2.2 Main text : Main texts should consist of

2.2.1 Introduction: Introduce the main points.

2.2.2 Content : Should apply to the current situation.

2.2.3 Conclusion: summarize the data clearly and concisely.

2.3 References.

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3. **References within the text**: It should indicate the source of information by using author-date in text citation by indicating author, year of publication and page reference. References should be included either at the front or back of the text.

3.1 Person name: Thai name should be listed by given name, foreigner should be listed by family name.

For examples:

For one author : (Phusri, 2007: 10)

For two authors : (Chanaim and Koolsawat, 2002: 66)

For three to five authors : (Pianchoop, Intranphan and Suwanthada, 2005: 5)

For more than 6 authors : (Sripathar, et. al., 2007: 145)

3.2 Organizations : should be listed by registered name.

4. **References** : All references cited in the text should be listed in chronological order at the back.