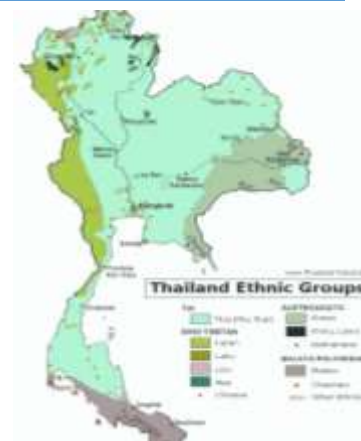


How Thailand, a multiethnic country, conducts language education and preserves its minority languages

1.BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Thailand is a multi-ethnic country which possess many tribes who speaks minor languages. This research is to find out whether the wave of globalization has influenced such minority language speakers' tradition.



2.RESEARCH QUESTION AND HYPOTHESIS

✓ RESEARCH QUESTION

WHAT KIND OF PROBLEMS ARE THE MINOR LANGUAGES FACING IN THAILAND?

✓ HYPOTHESIS

ENGLISH IS DOMINATING MINOR LANGUAGES, THUS SUCH SPEAKERS' IDENTITIES ARE DISAPPEARING.

3.FIELDWORK IN THAILAND

1) OBSERVATION in Karen Village



↑5yrs old Karen girl practicing Thai writing

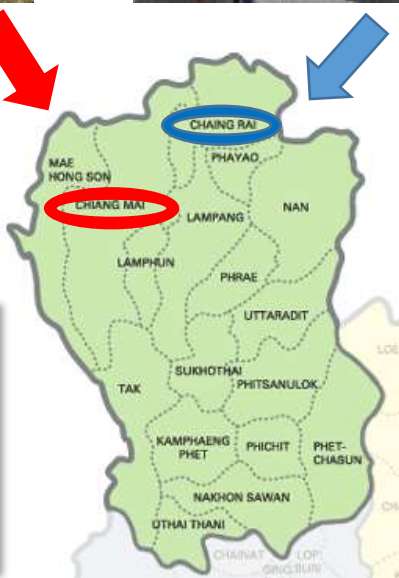


3) QUESTIONNAIRE at Regina High School

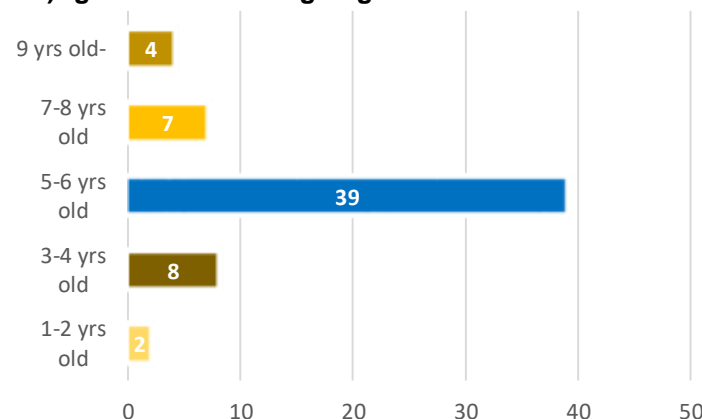
i) Timetable of Regina

A school timetable for Regina High School. Three subjects are highlighted with colored boxes: THAI(4) in a yellow box, Jap(5) in a blue box, and ENG(8) in a green box. The timetable shows various classes and their durations throughout the day.

2) INTERVIEW at The Mirror Foundation



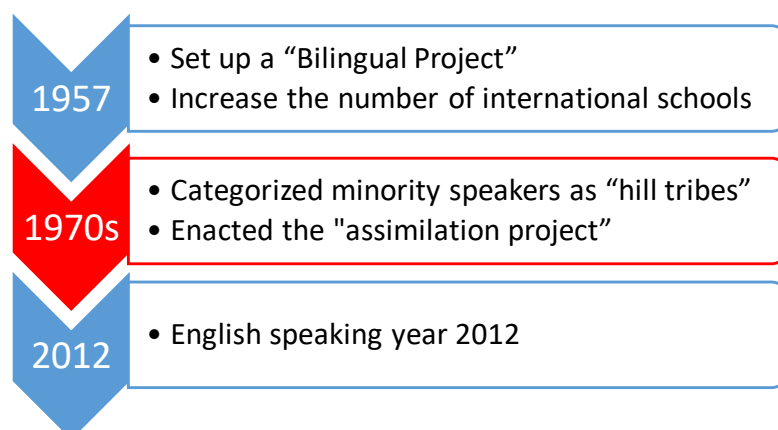
ii) Age to start learning English



4.FIELDWORK RESULT AND DISSCUSION

	KAREN SPEAKERS	THAI SPEAKERS
SPEAKING	KAREN	THAI
WRITING	THAI	THAI
SCHOOL EDUCATON	THAI	THAI+ENG +Another

↓ Different laws enacted by the Thai government



5.CONCLUSION

- ✓ **Karen language is in a complex environment and in threat to disappear due to the restriction policies by the Thai government.**
- ✓ **Thai government has different posture between Thai and minority speakers.**
- ✓ **However, there are some efforts to preserve this language.**

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