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**Announcement of the Graduate School, Prince of Songkla University**  
**Re: Check for Theses, Minor Theses and Publications of Students (No. 2)**

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Graduate School has issued the Announcement regarding check for theses, minor theses and publications of students on January 2, 2014, requiring graduate students to submit originality report (GS 14) together with their theses, minor theses or publications. In order to set a clearer guideline in checking plagiarism, Board of the Graduate School's resolution on August 29, 2018 agreed to set additional guidelines as follows:

1. The Graduate School does not set minimum cut-off for similarity index for determining originality of theses, minor theses or publications because the appropriate cut-off depends on the nature of work and field of research.

2. Rough guidelines for examining similarity Index are as follows:

2.1 The section on "Introduction and Literature Review": The students using texts or concepts derived from the others' works must cite the original sources, and appropriately paraphrase or summarize the texts, subjecting to the discretion of supervisors, programs and faculties.

2.2 The section on "Research Methodology": Same guideline as the section on "Introduction and Literature Review" is recommended. However, the higher degree of redundancy of this section may be allowed, subjecting to the discretion of supervisors, programs and faculties.

2.3 The section on "Results, Discussion, and Conclusions": Redundancies with the others' works are not expected, subjecting to the discretion of supervisors, programs and faculties.

3. The Graduate School will check the Originality Report from theses, minor theses, and publications of students and may inform the students to revise the statements redundant with texts from the others' works that are 2 consecutive lines or longer (or nearly consecutive) no matter the original sources are cited or not. However, in some cases, the Graduate School may not request the revision as follows:

3.1 Statements in theses/minor theses being duplicate with texts in publications originated from the same theses/minor theses: No needs for citation or paraphrasing.re required.

3.2 Statements that should not be paraphrased (but original sources are appropriately cited). For examples: statements from law, strategy plan, vision, or mission of the studied organizations, EdPEX criteria, poem-verse, statements of the items in standardized questionnaires, ancient sutras, statements on definitions with appropriate quotation marks, long chemical names, mathematical equations, description of symbols in equations, etc.

3.3 Statements that paraphrasing is impossible or very hard (but original sources are appropriately cited). For example: procedure for mixing certain chemicals, specific research procedures, name of research instruments and names of their subdomains, statistical methods (in some very specific methods), very specific description of chemicals, animals, objects, plants, description of prosody or character of Burmese language etc.

3 . 4 Duplicated statements being regarded as non-intellectual content of theses/minor theses/publication. For example: parts of acknowledgment, protection's human subjects' right, direction for questionnaire filling etc.

The Graduate School employed Turnitin™ program to check theses, minor theses or publications. If plagiarism is identified or theses, minor theses or publications do not comply with the criteria as mentioned above, the Graduate School will suspend the graduation.

This announcement applies to all currently registered students from now on.

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