

**The Thai – Japanese Handbook for Basic Communication between  
Doctor and Japanese Patients  
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**Abstract:**

Nowadays, the numbers of Japanese who travel to Thailand are increased. The Royal Thai Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, reported that there were 1,134,290 Japanese tourists traveled to Thailand, in January - November 2014. During 2002 - 2015, Japanese patients visited Naresuan University Hospital approximately 22 times per year. According to experience in the past, the author had Japanese patients who couldn't speak Thai or English language, and the language barrier is the obstacle for communication in medical practice, Therefore, the Thai – Japanese handbook for basic communication between doctor and Japanese patients has been published.

In this handbook, there are many Japanese vocabularies and dialogues which are generally found during the diagnostic process. This handbook can be used for the doctors and health care providers who either have or do not have any basic Japanese language skills, in order to communicate with Japanese patients. In addition, the others who interest in Japanese medical terms or conversation can also learn vocabularies and dialogues from this handbook as well. In order to publish the Thai - Japanese handbook for basic communication between doctor and patient, the author did learn basic Japanese language skills, especially reading and writing, about vocabularies and dialogues that commonly found in the communication between doctor and patient during diagnostic process. This handbook has been checked and corrected by an expert in both Japanese and Thai. We believe that this handbook can be used in the history taking and physical examination process between doctor and Japanese patient with more facile communication effectively.

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