Abstract

The number of researches on Chinese Dialects has been progressive over the past centuries. This is very encouraging, but the Chinese Language possesses so many dialects that it would be a daunting task to do researches on many of them. Therefore, researchers could only analyse a few of them, if not one. As such, researches on some dialects have been more productive, whereas the others have been less fruitful. The Singapore Teochew Dialect is a good example of the latter.

This thesis attempts to do an analysis of Word Formation in the Singapore Teochew Dialect. The first chapter deals with the purpose, scope, methods and significance of analysing the dialect. Chapter two starts with the classification of morphemes followed by the identification of a word, then focuses on explaining the different types of Word Formation in the dialect using many examples. Chapter three is a continuation of the analysis with special focus on the ‘inflections’ of the dialect. Chapter four is an overall presentation of Word Formation in the Singapore Teochew Dialect.

It is hoped that with this thesis, more people would be motivated to do researches on the Singapore Teochew Dialect.