SUMMARY

In the wake of the rapid development of culture, science and technology, the present living condition of our society has been progressively improved. Language as a tool of communication is also gaining strength rapidly and continuously breaking new ground. The improvements on livelihood are reflected actively, sensitively and timely in words and expressions of the language, which have emerged abundantly in recent years. These new words and expressions show the renewal of concept and positive adjustments on the mentality of the people.

In this dissertation, the use of new words and expressions in Chinese Language in China, Taiwan, Hongkong and Singapore in recent years is analysed with the view to arouse the concern of local scholars and linguists on the research and analysis.

This dissertation is in six chapters.

Chapter One expounds the aims and objectives of this research and analysis as well as the source materials related to the topic.

Chapter Two outlines the variation and creation of new words and expressions of the language in the wake of social contradictions. The capability to express new ideas leads to the creation of new words and expressions, and how these new words and expressions originated.

Chapter Three focuses on the analysis of grouping and characteristic of new words and expressions. On account of divided opinions on the problem of categorizing and characteristics concerned. It also highlighted the differences on this issue.
Chapter Four selects fifteen of those new words and expressions frequently used in recent years for specific research and in-depth study.

Chapter Five discusses the principles of standardisation of new words and expressions used in recent years. The process of standardization can be conformed with the principle of necessity, principle of explicitness and principle of efficiency.

Chapter Six is the concluding chapter discussing the central issue of controversy on the subject of standardization of new words and expressions, and stressing that the process of standardization to be recognized as the paradigm for the user’s guidance as to how to study and follow, and not to be mechanically copied or applied. It calls upon relevant governmental authorities to collaborate with scholars and linguists of other countries and to import their successful experience in the compilation of relevant works, in order to compile for ourselves an authoritative, comprehensive and practical dictionary for new words and expressions.

To further substantiate the grounds of arguments on the issue of standardization on new words and expressions of Chinese Language used recently, and to facilitate a better comparison of different words and expressions used, newspapers have been collected on exactly the same period of ten days from China, Taiwan, Hongkong and Singapore. This small-scale analysis further illustrates the diversity in neologisms and let all readers understand the importance of standardization in their own society.