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## Is There any Similarity between Laos Language and Korean Language?

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**Abstract:** In this work, the authors tried to find the similar aspect between Laos culture and Korean culture. An English-Lao Dictionary (1996) was used for this study. The pronunciation of tens of Laos words was compared with that of similarly pronounced Korean words. This study is about the pronunciation of Laos language and Korean language. And the title of this work is ‘Is there any similarity between Laos language and Korean language?’. As a conclusion, some of Lao words are similar to Korean words.

**Keywords:** The Title of this Work is ‘Is There any Similarity Between Laos Language and Korean Language?’. As a Conclusion, Some of Lao Words Are Similar to Korean Words.

## INTRODUCTION

French Missionary Dallet (1874) introduced ‘the thousand character essay’ to the Western World. The thousand character essay was translated through the meaning of Chinese character (Park *et al.*, 2021). However, Kim (2023) found that ‘the thousand character essay’ can be translated through Korean pronunciation. In Korea, ‘the thousand character essay’, it is known as ‘Tcheonzamun’ (Han, 1583). It is well known that ‘Tcheonzamun’ is the work of Chinese people (Han, 1583). However, some researchers suggested that Tcheonzamun was written by Korean-language speaking people. The ‘Tcheonzamun’ poem was translated through the meaning of Chinese character, however, it was done on Korean grammar (Park *et al.*, 2021). And the ‘Tcheonzamun’ poem can be translated through Korean pronunciation (Kim, 2023 b). It is studied if Chinese characters were constructed on Korean pronunciation (Kim and Park, 2022). And it is studied if Persian words were similar or same to Korean words (Kim, 2022). And it is also discussed if several Vietnam words had similarity with Korean words (Kim, 2023 a). This time, in this work, the authors tried to find the similarity between Laos culture and Korean culture.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

An English-Lao Dictionary (Ongazeon, 1996) and Lao-Korean book (Manithip, 2023) were used for this study. The pronunciation of tens of Laos words (14) was compared with that of similarly pronounced Korean words. The order of Lao words are followed by the studying time. It was from the first to fourteenth.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This study is about the pronunciation of Laos language and Korean language. And the title of this work is ‘Is there any similarity between Laos language and Korean language?’.

<Number.	Laos word.	Its meaning in Laos language.	Korean word.	Its meaning in Korean language>
1.	Sog-di.	Bless.	Ssog-deul-eo.	Satisfactory.
2.	Tang-o-og.	To exit.	Tal-og.	To exit from the jail.

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<Number.	Laos word.	Its meaning in Laos language.	Korean word.	Its meaning in Korean language>
3.	Huo-oi-seung	Tigerhead	Ho-rang-i	Tiger.
4.	Hug.	Six.	Yug.	Six.
5.	Tchet.	Seven.	Tchil.	Seven.
6.	Haam.	To warn.	Haeya-ham.	Have to do it.
7.	Pet.	Eight.	Pal.	Eight.
8.	Sib.	Ten.	Sib.	Ten.
9.	Kap-zai.	Thank you.	Kap-za.	Let's recompense it!
10.	Hag.	To love.	Hwag.	Seriously, completely.
11.	Haam.	Notice.	Ham.	To work, to accomplish.
12.	Dal.	Tower.	Tab.	Tower.
13.	Kaoli.	Korean.	Ko-ryeo.	Korean.
14.	Keo-tod	Excuse-me!	Teul-lyeo	It is not right!

As a conclusion, some of Lao words are similar to Korean words.

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