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Research on the status of mountain ethnic culture in Thailand

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Abstract

Thailand is a multi-ethnic country with many ethnic groups living in the northern and northeastern mountainous areas. The Thai government currently recognizes 10 mountain ethnic groups. The present situation of ethnic culture in mountainous areas of Thailand is characterized by interethnic religious beliefs or mutual influence, or peaceful coexistence; inter-ethnic culture is inclusive and absorbable, or relatively closed. The Thai government gradually recognizes the importance of cultural diversity and gives ethnic minorities cultural freedom to some extent when making policies. Under the influence of the increasingly clear Thai national cultural policy, the Thai mountain ethnic culture shows a better development trend.

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