

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the whole explanation of the background of the study, statement of the research problem, then the objectives of the study, the significances of the study, and also the scope and limitation of the study. Those are the key to be explained because they describe this study generally.

1.1 Background of the Study

Humans are individual creatures and social creatures. As social beings humans need to interact with other humans. Humans use language in interaction in order to convey what they say. According to Chaer and Leoni Agustina (2004: 11) said that language is a symbol system, in the form of sound, is arbitrary, dynamic, diverse, and human. Language lives and develops in the midst of human life, although sometimes it is not realized by humans themselves. Humans use language from birth into the world until death. A language will not be extinct if people always use it in everyday conversation, on the contrary language will be extinct if it is not maintained and used in everyday conversation.

Language is a medium of communication which has important role in every aspects of human life. As human being, people need to use language to communicate and express their feelings. A communication cannot happen if a speaker does not convey his/her message well or a listener does not understand the meaning of the speaker's message.

Unpredictable language development, In some cases, language developments create new words to refer to certain things. Sometimes they refer to general things, yet sometimes also they refer to more specific things because of the particularity of the situation or the field where the words are being used. These specific words are called terms or registers. In particular, this research examines to investigates the register that used by Arab descent community in Galis.

Galis is one of the sub-district in Bangkalan. In Galis, there is various ethnic and cultural diversity, due to the existence of ethnic groups of foreign descendants

who have long settled in Galis so that it has gone through a long history in the process of becoming part of the Galis society. The foreign descendants in question are Arab descendants. They are migrants and settled and reside in Galis. The people of Arab descent residing in Galis are a minority. Historically, their ancestors were Arabs who came to trade in the archipelago and stay in Galis during the early spread of Islam.

The social life of the people of Arab descent in Galis, seen in groups of fellow Arab descendants. Judging from the pattern of settlement in groups and side by side. However, this does not distinguish between communities of Arab descent and local communities, even though sometimes the social status is different.

The people of Arab descent should have socialized with non-Arab communities carried over the situation to speak in Madura and Indonesian, but the people of Arabic descent in Galis remained loyal to Arabic (language loyalty) which is their mother tongue, because sometimes they use language Arabic depends on their situation, with whom they speak and where.

The people of Arab descent in Galis continue to be proud to use Arabic (language pride) in their daily lives such as when they are communicating with family in the house or with fellow neighbors of Arab descent even. They use Arabic in various spheres of life, including when they communicate in the house, doing work in trade, and marriage speeches. This is evidence of language retention by the speakers, even though they live in areas that are not their homeland.

This condition continues with the use of a variety of other languages in each communication event, such as communication in schools, work environments, homes, or communities that result in their ability to master a variety of languages. Factors that are suspected to be behind this include: (1) the higher frequency of interactions due to the improvement of the communication system, (2) the increasingly democratic life, (3) the higher level of social mobility (Poedjosoedarmo 1979: 10).

The writer chooses registers used by Arab descent communities because of many things that are behind the existence of language variation in this community

is very interesting. Learning the language in the community aims to know things that lead to a variety of language. Knowledge of the reason for language variation is very useful for community life. We will consider unwise when we use intimate language when we are in the middle of the society. It is like the language that used by Arab descent community.

The diversity of the Indonesian nation which is multicultural and bilingual will certainly give birth to various kinds of unique phenomena in terms of language that need to be studied. The uniqueness of the use of language by people of Arab descent in Galis lies in the patterns and variations of the language, which is the result of language contact between Arabic as the language of instruction of Arab descent in Galis with madurese and Indonesian as the language of the indigenous people. Based on this statement, research about registers used by Arab descent in Galis needs to be done, in order to describe how language variations occur in Arab descent.

The study of types register will be analyzed because many types of registers used by Arab descent community in Galis district. The researcher also will analyze the function of the language register that used by Arab descent community in Galis because every register has its function.

Based on the background above select the register of the Arab descent community, as reference to another people out there who want to know more about the language variation of Arab descent community. In this case the researcher chooses Arab descent community in Galis as the source of data. As we know, they have a lot of language variation (register) to analyze. This study is hoped can be useful information to those who interest about Arab descent.

1.2 Statement of the Research Problem

Based on the background of the study presented above, the research questions are stated as follows:

1. What the types are of register that used by Arab descent community in Galis?

2. What are the functions of the language register of Arab descent community in Galis?

1.3 Objectives of the study

In accordance with the research problem, the objectives of the study are stated below.

1. To identify the types of register that used by Arab descent community in Galis.
2. To identify the function of the language register of Arab descent community in Galis.

1.4 Significances of the study

The researcher hopes that this study will enrich the researcher's understanding of register and also to understand the types and function of register found in Arab descent community in Galis. This sociolinguistics research result is expected to trigger theoretical and practical actions to expand the knowledge of sociolinguistics, especially register for that matter. From this study, hopefully has some benefit for all students, especially at English Study Program. They can expect to be able to apply their knowledge and comprehend about register. Then, hopefully this research can be used by next researcher as reference material who is interested in analyzing register.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

This study only deal with Sociolinguistics which focuses on register of Arab descent community in Galis, and anything related to the speaker's identities and background. It limits its discussions only the types that contribute to the present of Arab descent registers by using Joss's theory and to identify the functions that lead to the present of registers terms in Arab descent communities in Galis by using Jacobson's theory .The researcher also include evidence and data as a source or support for the results of this study.