

BILINGUALISM IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF BAHASA INDONESIA DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract

Indonesia has such a high cultural and language plurality. In addition to belonging bahasa Indonesia as a national language, Indonesia also has more than 700 vernaculars with which Indonesian people use and live within groups of ethnic society. A huge number of vernaculars also indicates a wealth of culture and tradition of Indonesia.

In the context of language use, people of Indonesia have good command in at least two languages, i.e. first language (vernacular) function as mother tongue and Bahasa Indonesia which functions as a national language as well as language of unification. First language which they acquire from their parent in the family life and bahasa Indonesia which they learn since they get into school and education has changed Indonesian people from monolingual into bilingual or even multilingual society. This language condition turns to be a challenging situation especially for bahasa Indonesia development. National language policy faces such a very difficult situation practically due to the complexity of bilingual language society.

The development of bahasa Indonesia still get a lot of obstacles either from within the speaker of the language itself or from speaker of other languages. Obstacle from within can be in the form of negative language attitude from the speaker of the language. whereas obstacle from others can be in the form of language interference from other languages being considered having more powerful language and higher language status as well as more important.

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