1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of Study

Literature according to Roberts and Jacobs (1995 : 2) may be classified into four categories or genres: (1) prose fiction, (2) poetry, (3) drama, and (4) nonfiction prose. Usually the first three are classed as imaginative literature. From the various types of imaginative literature, my choice falls on prose fiction, exactly on novel, which is a fictitious prose narrative of considerable length and scenes. Novel is my only choice for I am interested in it very much rather than any other kinds of prose fiction.

After reading several novels, I then decided to choose Aya Kito works that is “1 Liter of Tears” as the subject of my study. I choose this novel because I am really impressed with the story which is very touching. Through the explicit details told during the true meaning of this title.

The story of Aya Kito, a 15 years old Japanese girl who suffered from Spinocerebellar Ataxia disease. For the rest of her life, she poured all the feelings and events experienced in a diary, until her hands could no longer hold and move the stationery. Her hope is very simple, she wanted to remember the last days of her life and to always remind herself not to give up in life. Her passion for life is driven by a great attention from family, friends, is also her lover.

1.2 Objective of Study

There are three main purposes of this study, they are:

1. Applying what I got in my literary class so that the knowledge can be realized or activated.
2. Giving explanation about the meaning of the title in order to help the literary students or anyone who is interested in literature in learning and understanding Aya Kito’ story in 1 Litter of Tears. I want to describe what this novel about, positive things that can be taken, and how she struggle against her disease.

3. Giving contribution to scientific study with great expectation that the readers may receive something valuable from this paper.

1.3 Scope of Study

There are so many aspects can be explained in this novel, but in this opportunity I focus my writing only on the meaning of the title.

1.4 Significance of Study

This paper is very important to me. It is a fulfillment of one of the requirements to complete my education in Diploma III of English Study Program.

1.5 Method of Writing

In order to write this paper I conduct library research by using book, dictionaries and encyclopedia as my references. I jot down all the important information that will be needed including suitable information from internet to add the source in completing actual writing.