ABSTRACT

The title of this thesis is “Analisis Kesalahan Pelafalan Bahasa Mandarin pada Mahasiswa Program Studi Sastra Cina Universitas Sumatera Utara”. In generally, this research attempts to find out errors and factors of pronunciation in Mandarin language made by the student. The pronunciation errors made by the students of Mandarin language because of the interference of the native tongue, interference of dialect ancient and lack of the phonological knowledge.

The methodology used in this thesis is descriptive methodology. The sample of this research are students who learn Mandarin in Faculty of culture of science, Universitas Sumatera Utara. And the theories use to determine errors pronunciation in vowels, consonants, and tones is linguistic, phonology and phonetic in particular.

Correction of the mistakes are absolutely needed in order to increase the quality of good skill communication of the students in Mandarin language. The result shows most of the students make some mistakes in their conversation in Mandarin language cause of the vowels, consonants, and tones are difficult to pronounce.

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