ROLE OF LANGUAGE IN SOCIETY COMPOUND
(Integration of Indigenous and Ethnic Chinese in Indonesia)

Sismudjito

BACKGROUND

According J.S. Furnivall, plural society is a society consisting of two or more communities or groups that are culturally and economically separate and have different institutional structures with one another. While Nasikun, stating that a plural society is a society that embraces different value systems among the various social unity are members. The members of these communities have less loyalty to the society as a whole, lacks homogeneity of culture, or even less basis to develop mutual understanding.

As a poly-ethnic state, Indonesia is also composed of many tribes, cultures and languages. Diversity is capable of forming a national identity that glue citizens into one common interest. In addition to local tribes, Indonesia became a place for immigrants who come to the model of cultural pluralism in the old world, though still showing some of the issues of identity and recognition of their presence. The most prominent case on this issue is the recognition of the ethnic-Chinese nation. History says that the Chinese nation is a nation that is expansive. They spread to various parts of the world. This expansive soul triggered by the character of their culture that trade. One of the goals of their distribution is Indonesia. In addition to land, sea lane they choose because it was felt more effective and reaching out to the archipelago. No wonder that now they have become part of our lives, the indigenous people. Nowadays, Chinese people or the Chinese community slowly familiarly called has become part of the State of Indonesia.
Their involvement is increasingly being seen in many areas of life such as economic, political, and social.

Potential conflicts in a pluralistic society can only happen when the interests of one another can not be interpreted by the community itself. In the cultural strategy of integration, language has a role in the unification of society. Language is a communication tool that is essential for humans, because the language we can find out the information we need, apart from that we can convey ideas and our ideas through language. Therefore, we should be able to master the language and elements - elements, such as vocabulary, structure and so forth. Language emerged and evolved because of the interaction between individuals in a society. In connection with the important role of language as part of communication in human life, Fromkin and Rodman (1998: 5) state briefly the nature of human language is as an arbitrary system of sound symbols used by members of the public to communicate and recognize each other. Should have such diversity should be capital and social force for Indonesia.

PROBLEMS

Based on the above background exposure, the integration of a pluralistic society that in this case the indigenous ethnic communities and ethnic Chinese in Indonesia is required to maintain the unity that is built up in the container country through the use of language. Therefore, the formulation of the problem is "The role of language in the integration of a pluralistic society".
CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

According J.S. Furnivall, plural society is a society consisting of two or more communities or groups that are culturally and economically separate and have different institutional structures with one another. As a pluralistic society, Indonesia consists of various races, cultures, languages, and customs. Diversity is capable of forming a national identity that glue citizens into one common interest. In addition to local tribes, Indonesia became a place for immigrants who come to the model of cultural pluralism in the old world, though still showing some of the issues of identity and recognition of their presence. The most prominent case on this issue is the recognition of the ethnic-Chinese nation. Potential conflicts in a pluralistic society can only happen when the interests of one another can not be interpreted by the community itself. To minimize potential conflicts, the unification of the community is done through a process of integration. In the cultural strategy of integration, the role of language is very influential for the sustainability of community interaction. The role of language in a pluralistic society can be described as follows.
A. Pluralistic Society

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B. Integration

Indonesian dictionary defines "integration" as assimilation to be unity. The word "unity" implies various elements that differ from each other to experience the process of assimilation. If the update has reached an association, then this change phenomenon called integration. In English, integration (integration) among other means "whole" or "perfection." According to the OC Hendropuspito in his book "Systematic Sociology" integration term is derived from the Latin word meaning integrare give the place a whole. From the word is lowering the word integrity means wholeness or roundness and integration means making certain elements into a single unit that is round and full. In general, integration is defined as a planned statement from the different parts into a harmonious unity. The word integration is closely related to the formation of a nation, as a nation made up of various elements such as tribes / ethnic groups, races, traditions, beliefs and so on, are diverse.

C. The Role of Language in Society compound

The initial capital of national integration is the sense of kinship and belonging owned by the Indonesian people since time immemorial. Although the Indonesian struggle within repel invaders at intervals before the 20th century marked the nature of regionalism, however, a sense of camaraderie shown by the fighters and older people we have reflected the seeds of the national spirit, which in turn will eventually form a wholeness Indonesian nation.

For a nation that integration occurs because of the fusion of different elements, to realize the unity of the region, political unity, economic, social and cultural shaping the nation's identity. Integration of the nation does not just happen, but requires a long process of time travel that must start their lives together. The togetherness has a broad
meaning, namely living together, togetherness mindset, unity and togetherness interest objectives.

Thus the integration of a nation based on the ideals and the same goal, the mutual approach and awareness for tolerance and mutual respect. Similarly to the integration of the Indonesian nation. Given Indonesia as a pluralistic nation and cultural diversity. Then it requires the integration process, because the impact of this plurality of potential conflicts / contradictions.

Viewed from the perspective of integration, the use of the language to communicate between tribes of different nations allow the spread of culture with one another. With the use of the same language, the introduction of different cultures will intensify. Through communication will be found sameness and differences in customs, traditions, habits or their respective tribes. Elements of the cultural equation can be used as the basis to establish the identity of the same or amplifier as a nation. The element of the difference can be used as a means to enrich the cultural as well as a means to promote tolerance and understanding of differences. With tolerance, the conflict that leads toward disintegration or split can be avoided.

CLOSING

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SUPPORTING READING

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