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The Urgency of English Lesson Taught in Every Level of Education in Indonesia to Support the World Peace

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Pease, undeniable, is one of everyone's dreams. When in a society there is a conflict, various fields will be affected. When community situations are filled with chaos, conflict, and there is no peace, a good state condition will not exist. In Indonesia, the population is very plural, whether race, religion, language, custom, and so on. This makes it possible to trigger conflicts. Even in the world.

Harmony, morals, peace, and conflict are interconnected. Conflict is the antithesis of peace. Conflicts and peace are two very opposite things. Conflicts can occur anywhere, anytime, by anyone, and in any situation. In a homogeneous society, conflicts can occur. Especially in a heterogeneous political entity, both ethnic, religious, customs, and so on, it is prevalent if the conflict often arises. Everyone does not miss any conflicts. It takes the right steps for someone faced with a conflict situation, so that the conflict does not widen and lead towards bloodshed. Young people now is inclined very easy to be buried fire anger by a small/trivial problem that should not come

towards conflict. Therefore, it needs a conflict resolution. Cohen (2001: 25) explained that conflict resolution is a basic human activity. It is articulated and carried out in various forms across culture.

Peace can be interpreted as diverse. Peace is a term/word to mention a condition of harmony, security (there is no war), harmonious, and mutual understanding. Peace also can be interpreted as a calm and unviolent atmosphere. In full situation peace will create a harmony between the community members. Peace can actually be developed by controlling everyone's emotions. Because of inadequacy to regulate emotions, it will make flammable when it is burn with a little fire.

To realize the condition of society from the least level until a great extent, for example in a country, each person needs to be developed with others, understanding each other, empathy, cooperation, and respect each others. It is worth realizing that our society is a plural and multicultural society. In such a vital condition of society, the understanding that one person to others differ in various ways. Therefore impose one's culture to others is not justified.

Peace can be realized through education. Education institutions are able to support the realization of peace in many ways. Giving peace education is one of the ways. The children and teenagers who are the next generation of the nation are the capital of the nation that has to be completely directed by intellectual, spiritual, and emotional intelligence. In various mass media we often see the phenomenon of students who damage the campus, fights among students, news of juvenile delinquency, hostility, and other conflicts. So that peace education in schools aims to overcome such imbalances. The goal is none other than to help realize the situation of a harmonious life, safe, calm, and without conflict.

Many good attitudes can be developed to build a good society and world. Such attitudes

are: respecting oneself, tolerance, empathy, fairness, honesty, not mutually suspecting, friendship, cooperation, mutual understanding, and fairness/equalization. Everyone must contribute his contribution to world peace.

The seemingly dominant problem in our society is the occurrence of conflicts that originate in the absence of mutual understanding and irritability. Sometimes those conflicts also lead to physical conflicts. Here people don't seem to appreciate themselves. Therefore, peace education in schools can be more focused on instilling the above values.

In addition to the above attitudes, in the education of peace should also be able to develop skills, such as: able to communicate, listen, understand different views, able to cooperate, problem solving, critical thinking, decision making, conflict resolution, and social responsibility. It seems like such skills are far from the nation's successor generation, they are children.

Besides the previous effort, introducing English to students is also one of efforts in creating a good understanding when the students are socializing internationally. Because keeping the peace, especially the peace of our beloved homeland, is one thing supposed to be done by everyone. It can be done by children, youth teenagers, and grandparents. Although keeping the peace identical with descending into the battlefield and carrying firearms, there is actually another simpler way that everyone can take part in keeping peace in Indonesia.

One of them is to use polite language. With language we communicate each other, express our love and concern. Though it is not uncommon with language also we hurt each other, and even with our language so have the opportunity to participate take part in keeping peace wherever we are. The language that we use is what determines what we will make others entertained or even become discouraged. The language that we use will prove what we are going to be a peacemaker or just the cause of another mess.

In addition, language is also has an important role in international relations. It is as a facilitator. By using language, an effective communication among actors in international relations can be created. Discussion on the role of language in supporting the creation of peace in the world is still very lacking. Whereas if we see, language has a very repentant role in the effort to create world peace. Nowadays, internet media has a great connection to this matter. Likewise with a language that has a role in the access of the Internet. It can be seen that the language used by politicians, policymakers, civil society or citizens in general, also has a key role in the security of a country and consequently the relationship with neighbours.

As we know, language has become the main tool of facilitating the relationship between different actors in international relations. It is presented in an oral, written or marked form. These three shapes involve a collection of words or symbols that are planned to communicate a certain meaning.

English is one of media for communication in this world, it is a global language. Most of people use this language to communicate each other. Even, English has become one of languages that is setted in technology. Therefore, it has been very familiar in people's daily life.

There are many issues and agendas that are carried to voice the peace. A variety of world people community make a massive movement to voice a peace. World leaders are calling for ceasefire, a red cross organization working to help victims of war, activists and learned people campaign in public and academic spaces, musicians sound through songs, poets with poetry, the artist defended the rights to peace through his work.

Education is a universal language, prevailing everywhere as the main instruments strengthening peace. The world's major conflict-solving puts the education and resources strengthening as a priority solution. As mentioned by the United Nations, education should be used as a way to prevent conflicts and achieve global development goals.

Therefore, as explained in the beginning of this paper, the education intitutions should pay more attention to do some efforts in supporting the world peace. World peace can be reliazed by applying good communication. To be able communicate well in the international board, people should master the international language. Crystal (2003: 1) mentioned that English is the global language. This language is used by people all over he world in communicating each other. The Indoensian government has determined English as one of compulsory subject that must be taught in every level of education in Indonesia. It has many advantages for the students, especially in preparing them to face the gloablization and supproting the world peace.

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