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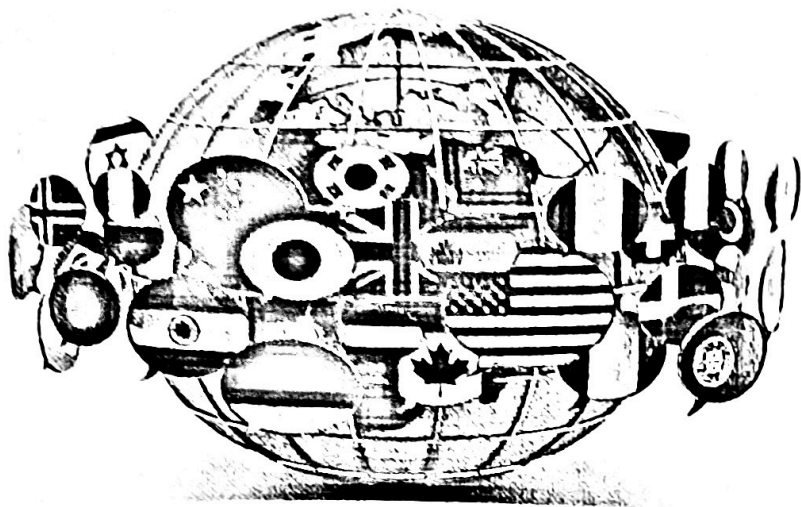
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# Strengthening Regional Language In The Midst Of Foreign Language Development

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In everyday life, human beings are required to communicate and socialize with the surrounding communities. In this case, the language has a very important role. Language is a reflection of a nation's identity. Identity is very closely related to the character. The character in this case is a language intelligence that encompasses the ability to parse the appropriate words used in communicating.

As the era progresses, local languages begin to be threatened in their existence. This is evidenced by the management of foreign languages scattered among the people, especially teenagers. In times of access to information through this technology, teenagers have very easy access to learning foreign languages and hanging out with people from other countries.

In their daily associations, they have left more local languages and prefer to use slang or a foreign language. With a variety of changes to the problems that occur in the midst of today's society, many people prefer to use foreign languages especially English to the Indonesian language. Because Bahasa Indonesia is only considered as a language that is not cool and cannot follow the development of the times. In fact, this now shows that the spirit of the young generation in having Indonesian language cannot be likened to the spirit of the younger generation in 1928, to fight for Bahasa Indonesia as a language of unity.

An article published in an online newspaper its title describes the threat to the existence of local language (Satriawan: 2018). The article is about the Indonesian language that has begun to be buried because of the strong influence of foreign languages in today's phenomenon of life.

The concern for the existence of local language is also expressed by the head of the East Java Language Section (Hurek: 2018). Since serving as the head of East Java Language Section in Sidoarjo in mid-February 2018, Mustakim has been being diligent in conducting the education of the importance of the application of Indonesian language well and correct. He said that the loss of role in applying the Indonesian language in a good and correct way is a serious problem. For example, public officials, politicians, and other public figures. They should be examples in the national language.

It is undeniable that the absorption of foreign languages is commonplace in the development of a language. Most of today, when technology quickly and rapidly become a new communication system that increasingly brings about culture and language. Picking up terms and vocabulary among different languages is a common symptom around the world. It includes languages that are 'considered' advanced and modern.

If this continues to roll and spread for a long time, then sooner or later the Indonesian language will be reduced to a variety of foreign languages. The absence of filterisation of the cultural acculturation that enters Indonesia is one of the impacts that make the use of foreign language among the people.

The diversity of languages in Indonesia from Sabang to Merauke needs to be used as a driver in supporting the perseverance of Indonesian culture. This should be accompanied by planting a love of the Indonesian language more, through the use of good and correct Indonesian language to all walks of life in Indonesia by means of approaches and methods that suit the development of the times, so that they are easier to accept.

This is a challenge in local language conservation efforts. Looking at the phenome-

non, it is necessary to do various efforts to increase the strengthening of the existence of local language in the midst of foreign language development in Indonesia. There are a variety of ways that can be sought to still preserve the local language as one of Indonesia's cultural richness.



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Indonesian local language, hundreds of them, are part and element of Indonesia's wealth and culture. This local language strengthening effort can be initiated from oneself by raising awareness. Self awareness to use good and correct Bahasa Indonesia. In addition, to overcome the severe shifting of Indonesian language is required by all parties to cultivate a sense of pride in the Indonesian language. Indonesian society should uphold the Indonesian language of association. One of the things that can be done is to use the raw Indonesian language without mixing with foreign language.

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