ABSTRACT

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The study was focused on finding out the types and the functions of code switching used by the participants in their conversations in NET TV’s Kelas Internasional. The study was carried out by using descriptive qualitative design. The data of the study were the participants’ conversations contained code switching in NET TV’s Kelas Internasional, which were extracted from the transcription of 12 representative episodes into 44 extracts. Two main types of code switching based on conversational analysis were identified in the participants’ conversations, namely participant related switching and discourse related switching. Participant related switching as preference-related (34.3%) was found out as the most occurred type, which implied that the participants in NET TV’s Kelas Internasional relied on code switching tactfully for displaying their personal language preference and adjusting their language choices to the language preferred in a certain interaction. Two out of fourteen functions of code switching was determined as the most practicable functions in the participants’ conversations in NET TV’s Kelas Internasional, namely affective function (15.5%) and accommodation (13.02%), which implied that code switching was a very feasible interactional strategy to express and de-/emphasize a set of particular emotions and to accommodate or to be accommodated by others in the conversations.

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