

CHAPTER V

CONLUSSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

5.1 Conclusion

This study, which is concerned with students from Labuhanbatu Utara language maintenance, was aimed at finding the dominant factors that affect Kualuh Malay language, the strategies used by students from Labuhanbatu Utara to maintain their local language, and the reasons students from Labuhanbatu Utara maintain their language. Based on the findings, conclusions are drawn as follows:

1. Language maintenance is a way to increase the value and existence of a language in the spoken community. The function of language preservation efforts is to prevent extinction, which could occur at any time. One form of effort to maintain the Kualuh Malay language has been carried out well by students from Labuhanbatu Utara in Medan. There are seven factors affecting Kualuh Malay language maintenance in Medan: (1) visiting homeland; (2) ethno-linguistic vitality; (3) language in family; (4) use of the language in the neighborhood domain; (5) living together in an area; (6) practice of traditional ceremonies and (7) use of the language in religion; The more dominant factor and have a big role in maintaining Kualuh Malay are visiting the homeland and ethno-linguistic vitality.
2. In maintaining Kualuh Malay language, students from Labuhanbatu Utara in Medan used strategies such as (1) family language policy, (2) using Kualuh Malay language in their daily lives frequently, (3) using Kualuh Malay language in religious congregations like Perwiritan, and (4) using Kualuh Malay language in cultural activities like wedding ceremonies. The

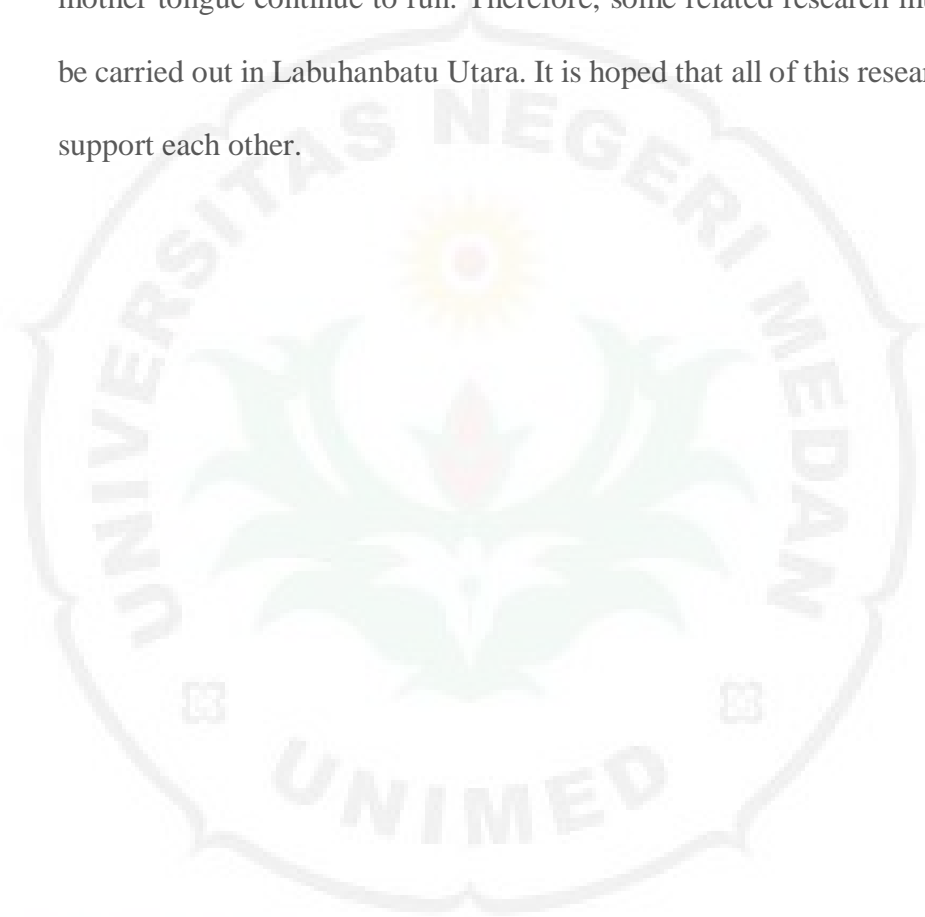
3. more dominant strategies that students from Labuhanbatu Utara in Medan use to maintain Kualuh Malay are family language policy and using Kualuh Malay in their daily lives frequently.
4. The students from Labuhanbatu Utara do maintain the Kualuh Malay language because they are proud to be Labura people, and the Kualuh Malay language shows their identity as Labura people. However, these maintenance efforts need to be developed and complemented in several linguistic aspects, such as the translation process from Indonesian to Kualuh Malay and correct spelling. This aims to increase awareness of good and correct language, starting with a small scope.

5.2 Suggestion

In relation the conclusions, there are several suggestions that are needed to be shared some elements.

1. It is suggested to Labuhanbatu Utara people to use Kualuh Malay language in their daily communication. They have to use Kualuh Malay language in all domains in order to their language will be preserved.
2. For the students from Labuhanbatu Utara in Medan, the result of this research is expected to help students to maintain and preserve their local language, and remain proud to use Kualuh Malay language.
3. For future research, because this research to identify important factors in language maintenance in communities is certainly optimal and accurate results are to be achieved. Had it been aimed at establishing a basis for further investigation, this research had been acceptable. In other words, this research can only be used as preliminary research for a more in-depth

investigation. However, several language maintenance factors identified from this research can be used as a basis for determining action plans to ensure that processes and mechanisms for maintaining and preserving the mother tongue continue to run. Therefore, some related research must also be carried out in Labuhanbatu Utara. It is hoped that all of this research will support each other.



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