CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1.The Background of the Study

SFL is an approach to linguistics proposed by Halliday which sees the language used in social context. This approach is based on the theory of grammar which considers language as a resource used for communication not as a set of rules. It is explored how is the use of language in different context, and how language is structured for use as a semiotic system. Martin (1992:2) noted that the model of language in a systemic functional can be characterized in terms of language as a source. It means that language is a network of relationship. On the other and means that SFL is especially concern with the system, relationship between linguistics unit of various kinds and concerns with the speakers might tend to do.

According to Halliday (1994:8) functional grammar is one that construes all the units of language – its clauses, phrases and so on – as organic configurations of fuction. On the other words, each part is interpreted as functional with respect to the whole. Thomson (2003:38) said that language informs the way one thinks, the way one experiences, and the way one interacts one each other. Language not only provides the basic community, but also the ground of division. Systemic knowledge about language and practical awareness of how it works fundamental to the process of building mature communities.

There are two terms mostly involved while interacting or communicating, they are speaker and listener or audience. In the act of speaking, the speaker adopts for her/him self a particular speech role, and so in doing assigns to the listener a complementary role which s/he wishes to adopt in her/his turn. For example, in asking a question, a speaker is taking on the role of seeker of information and requiring the listener to take on the role of supplier of the information demanded. The most fundamental types of speech role are just two (1) giving and (2) demanding. Besides that, there is another distiction, equally fundamental, that relates to the nature of the commodity namely goods and services or information. These two variables define the four primary speech functions of statement, question, offer and command. These in turns are matched by a set desired responses: acknowledging a statement, answering a question, accepting an offer, and carrying out a command.

Halliday, 1985 stated that a system network is a theoretical tool to describe the sets of options available in a language variety; it represents abstract choice and does not correspond to a notion of actual choice or make psychological claims. Formally system networks correspond to type lattices in formal lattice theory, although they are occasionally erroneously mistaken for flowcharts or directed decision trees.

This study refers to the use of system network of speech functions used by Participants of *Dalihan natolu* in the texts of Toba Batak wedding ceremony. Wedding ceremony in Toba Batak society is a series of ritual based on the order

of customs and social life in society of generations. Wedding ceremony should watched by *Dalihan natolu* from *parboru* (bride) side and *Dalihan natolu* from *paranak* (groom) side in every step of ceremony. In wedding ceremony, there are some steps from begin until in the end will pass, these are ; *Marhusip, Marhata Sinamot, Marulaon unjuk* (Pesta Pernikahan). Each step has a ritual that need *Dalihan natolu* role to giving the signs that commonly used in the ceremony. Toba Batak wedding ceremony used many signs such as ; *ulos, ikan mas 'dengke simudur udur' , uang 'hepeng' , beras 'boras sipir ni tondi' , nasi 'indahan na las' , air putih 'aek sitio-tio' , sirih 'napuran' , pinggan , sarung 'mandar hela' , daging 'jambar'.*

Here is the preliminary data of the texts used by Participants *Dalihan natolu* in Toba Batak wedding ceremony built interpersonal function in various ways in the texts. Here is an example of the texts transcript:

Bohado   Raja nami?

Wh / Complement	Finite	Subject	Complement
MOOD		RESIDU	

Mood   : Finite ᴬ Subject = Interrogative

Speech Function   : Question

Markedness   : Unmarked

Gabema angkupni na horas.

Subject	Predicate	Complement
MOOD		RESIDU

Mood   *: Subject ˄ Finite = Declarative*

Speech Function   *: Statement*

UnMarked   *: Unmarked*

The four speech functions (statement, offer, command, and question) are initiated by the speaker or the addressee responds to the speech functions produced by the speaker or the addreser. When both Orientation (initiating and response) of both speakers and addressers are taken into account, there are some are derived.

1. Giving-information- initiating = Statement

   When we give information to someone with the orientation of initiating, it shows that the result will be initiating statement or expression.

For example :

a. *Gabe ma jala horas, dipangido hamu panuturion sian hami ima taringot dinamarpangidoan raja ni pamoruaonta, Disinamot natapangidohon ima rambu pinungu godang na dua pulu juta rupiah.*

2. Giving-Information & Response = Response to Acknowledgement Statement.

   When we want to give information to someone with orientation of responding. It shows that the result responds the statement or expression.

For example :

a. *Gabema angkup nanihoras, Molo sian hami ruhut dohot uhum nian naung pinangidom alai di naung marpangidoan amang borunta marsomba halak namarsomba tongdo oloan.*

b. *Emma tutu....*

These examples were taken from the speech function used by Participants *Dalihan natolu* in the texts of Toba Batak Wedding Ceremony.

As explained before this study will be focused on the function of language and use in sentences and clauses uttered by Participants *Dalihan natolu* in the texts of Toba Batak wedding ceremony which especially centered on the interpersonal function. The reason for choosing this topic to be discussed is because the writer is wanted to know how clause is relates to another in a clause complex and the analysis will be seen through interpersonal functions, one of the components of metafunction found in functional grammar. this speech community is known for indirection in their linguistics behaviour, especially when it comes to communicating about unfamiliar things, and the Toba Batak wedding ceremony is activity that has been a culture in Toba Batak community in Indonesia, which has a great aspect of language because the language use in Toba Batak language in the process of doing the wedding ceremony is different among of the participants depending on her/his position in the three heartstones *"Dalian Natolu",* also studies focuses on system network of speech function used the participants in the texts of Toba Batak Wedding ceremony by Toba Batak ethnic is rarely found.

1.2. The problems of the Study

Based on the background stated above the problems of the study are formulated as the following.

1. What are the the system networks of the speech function used by Participants *Dalihan natolu* in texts of the Toba Batak wedding Ceremony?

2. How are the system networks of speech function realized in moods in texts of the Toba Batak wedding ceremony?

3. Why are the system networks of speech function coded by the Participant *Dalihan natolu* in the way they are?

1.3. The Objectives of the Study

In relation to the problems, the objectives of the study are

1. to elaborate the system networks of speech function used by the Participants *Dalihan natolu* in texts of the Toba Batak wedding ceremony,

2. to describe realization of the speech function in texts of the Toba Batak wedding ceremony, and

3. to elaborate the reason for the system networks of speech function coded by the Participants *Dalihan natolu* in texts of the Toba Batak Wedding ceremony.

1.4. The Scope of the Study

This study attempts to investigate

1. The system network of speech function used by the Participants *Dalihan natolu* in the texts of Toba Batak wedding ceremony.

2. The main aspect to be reasonable is the system network of speech function and the realization in the mood which occured on the texts.

3. The focus is on the meaning or system network of speech function as they are realized in the Toba Batak language.

1.5. The Significant of the Study

Findings of the study are expected to be significantly relevant theoretically and practically.

Theoretically, the research findings are expected to enrich the theories of of systematic functional linguistic (SFL), specifically the spoken language of certain community, mainly Toba Batak community. This study considers being useful initially to provide the information of of systematic functional linguistic (SFL) used by the text of Toba Batak in wedding ceremony when they express of systematic functional linguistic (SFL) in the situation. Consequently, it will give better understanding and new insight on how of systematic functional linguistic (SFL) is related to the aspect of functional grammar study. This contribution will in tum give tentative framework for a comprehensive analysis system network of speech functions.

Practically, since this research focuses on of systematic functional linguistic (SFL) used in the texts of Toba Batak wedding ceremony in expressing an offer, a command, a statement, and a question, hopefully the findings are useful for teachers and lectures of functional grammar specially in functional grammar to the students either in university or high School which occur in daily conversation, then the students knowledge about the of systematic functional linguistic (SFL) can be enlarged and brighten and also for the general people, they would have a clear understanding about the utterances used by Toba Batak in a certain ceremony, and specially for Toba Batak, they can practice the patterns of system network of speech functions which are used in a certain ceremony, this will accelerate them to speak Indonesian, thus they will not find it clumsy to speak directly to the Toba Batak.