ABSTRACT

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This study is conducted to describe the life philosophy of Toba Batak people reflected in the *Umpasa* text of *Mangapuli* of *Mate Tilahaon*. The study uses the descriptive qualitative research which focuses on the natural characteristics of data because the researcher describes and elaborates the state of what philosophy of life Toba Batak linguistically coded in the *Mangapuli* of *Mate Tilahaon*, how the life philosophical concept of Toba Batak is linguistically realized in the uttered *Umpasa* text and why the life philosophical concept of Toba Batak realized the way they are. The findings show that: 1. The life philosophical concept of Toba Batak people coded in *Umpasa* is *poda*, 2. The *poda* as the life philosophical concept realized in the *Umpasa* text is not stated directly but it is done through using couplet first and followed with the real intention of *Umpasa* and 3. *Poda* as the life philosophical concept is realized the way they are to soften the way of giving *poda* it self.