

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

5.1 Conclusions

The study which is concerned on language maintenance in inter ethnic couples was aimed to described the factors influence language maintenance in inter-ethnic couples, the ways in maintaining the language and the reasons in choosing the ways. The conclusions are drawn as the following:

1. In general, attitude, value, identity factor, social factor, religion factor and demographic factor are the factors which influencing language maintenance in inter-ethnic couples. Attitude, value and identity factor is found in six couples. Then, social factor is found in four factors. Next, Religion factor is found in two subjects. Finally, demographic factor is found in one subject. Thus, attitude, value and identity factor is the most dominant factor in this study. It is seen from the number of subjects which influencing by this factor.
2. Informal education, participation in social fields, and bringing children to visiting homeland are the ways which are chosen to maintain the language by inter-ethnic couples. Informal education is chosen by four subjects. Next, participating in social fields is chosen by all couples. Finally, visiting homeland is chosen by five couples.
3. They choose those ways because they want to prevent the children get clumsiness in using the language when they are adult and to show their character which is more powerful in family.

5.2 Suggestions

Dealing with the findings, suggestions are stated as following:

1. It is suggested that parents should motivate their positive attitude to their languages.
2. It is suggested that children should have attitude to the vernacular language.
3. It is suggested that the vernacular language researchers should be more concerned with the language use in inter-ethnic couples in order to maintain the vernacular language use in inter-ethnic couples.

