CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

5.1 Conclusions

Having conducted the research, some findings are found. There are some linguistic features of text messaging used by the subjects of the research. There are some dominants linguistic features of text messaging occur. The text messages flow naturally which are similar to the natural conversation.The choice of words, emoticons, punctuation and symbols have great contribution on giving the impression that the text messages are real conversation. The unique dictions somehow enable the researcher to get the feeling of the sender or receiver. Cultural also pays great contribution to the style and mood of the text messages. Below are the conclusions of the research findings.

(1) There are some linguistic features of text messaging occur in this research which are abbreviation/shortening, slang words or non-standard spellings, emoting which includes asterisk emoting, emoticons and punctuation. Syntactic reduction also occurs with the omission of auxiliaries, subject pronoun and articles. The researcher groups punctuation such as exclamation mark, question mark and ellipsis into emoting since those features functions to express feelings of the sender.

(2) The analysis shows, that the dominant linguistic feature of text messaging occurs in the text message is shortening. Compare to other features, shortening used in every text. These shortenings dominantly occur in *Bahasa Indonesia* texts. Only few occur in English text messages. The use of shortenings has nothing to do with the knowledge adequacy of the subject on the language used.

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(3) The subjects of research also admit that the use of linguistic features of text messaging is due to the efficiency and their comfortableness. In order for the written conversation to run naturally, to have the message and the feeling of the sender represented well, linguistic features of text messaging are indeed become great assistant.

(4) There were two phenomena found during the data analysis process. The style in language used and the code-mixing occur in the text messages analyzed. This is due to the fact that most of the subjects are bilingual. It is also due to the background of the subjects which lead them to have certain style and expression during the communication.

5.2 Suggestions

In accordance to the conclusions and findings, there are some beneficial suggestions to be notified.

(1) Linguistic features of text messaging are beneficial since it represents the sender's view point, thought and feeling just like the real face to face conversation.

(2) Text messaging leads to the efficiency and enable the sender and receiver to express the feelings virtually. However, having effectiveness as the reason also leads to the improper use of standar language. Either in Indonesia, English or Hokkien itself.

(3) It is strongly encouraged that the texting should also be conducted in the proper way when it comes to the use of language. This way, the rules of the language shall not be violated.

(4) Teachers are strongly recommended to convey the message to the students to get used to using proper language even when the text messaging takes place.