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Solidarity and Politeness in Gorontalo: A Study on the Specific Address Forms in Gorontalo Language

Penelitian ini membahas tentang Solidarity dan Kesopanan dalam kata-kata sapaan bahasa Gorontalo. Penelitian ini menitik beratkan pada keunikan kata sapaan bahasa Gorontalo. Diantaranya adalah kata sapaan berdasarkan warna kulit dan bentuk tubuh yang pada beberapa kebudayaan lain dianggap tidak sopan atau tidak menghormati orang yang kita sapa. Di Gorontalo, beberapa kata sapaan digunakan untuk menunjukkan solidaritas dan kesopanan di antara sesama orang Gorontalo, akan tetapi penggunaanya disesuaikan dengan aturan yang berlaku dalam komunitas budaya Gorontalo. Hal ini pula yang menjadi fokus dalam penelitian ini. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif. Data dikumpulkan melalui wawancara, observasi, dan analisis dokumen. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa kata sapaan dalam bahasa gorontalo berjumlah lebih dari dua puluh jenis, namun penelitian ini hanya membahas delapan kata sapaan yang dipertimbangkan memiliki keunikan lebih dibanding dengan kata sapaan lainnya. Delapan kata sapaan ini adalah: kata sapaan berdasarkan warna kulit, bentuk dan ukuran tubuh, kata sapaan untuk anak-anak, kata sapaan berupa alias, kata sapaan berdasarkan urutan kelahiran, kata sapaan berdasarkan hubungan keluarga, dan kata sapaan yang merupakan pinjaman dari bahasa lain.

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This study discusses Solidarity and Politeness in the address terms in Gorontalo language. This study focuses on the uniqueness of address terms in Gorontalo language, among which are address terms related to skin color and body shapes which, in some other cultures, are considered inappropriate or disrespectful to the addressees. In Gorontalo, some address terms are used to show solidarity and politeness among people of Gorontalo, but the use will be adjusted to the rules applicable in Gorontalo cultural communities. It is also the focus of this study. This study used a qualitative approach. Data were collected through interviews, observations, and document analysis. Results indicated that there are more than twenty kinds of address terms in Gorontalo language, but this study only deal with eight terms considered to have more unique features than the other address terms. The eight address terms are those of skin color, body shape and size, children, aliases, birth order, family relationships, and terms borrowed from other languages.