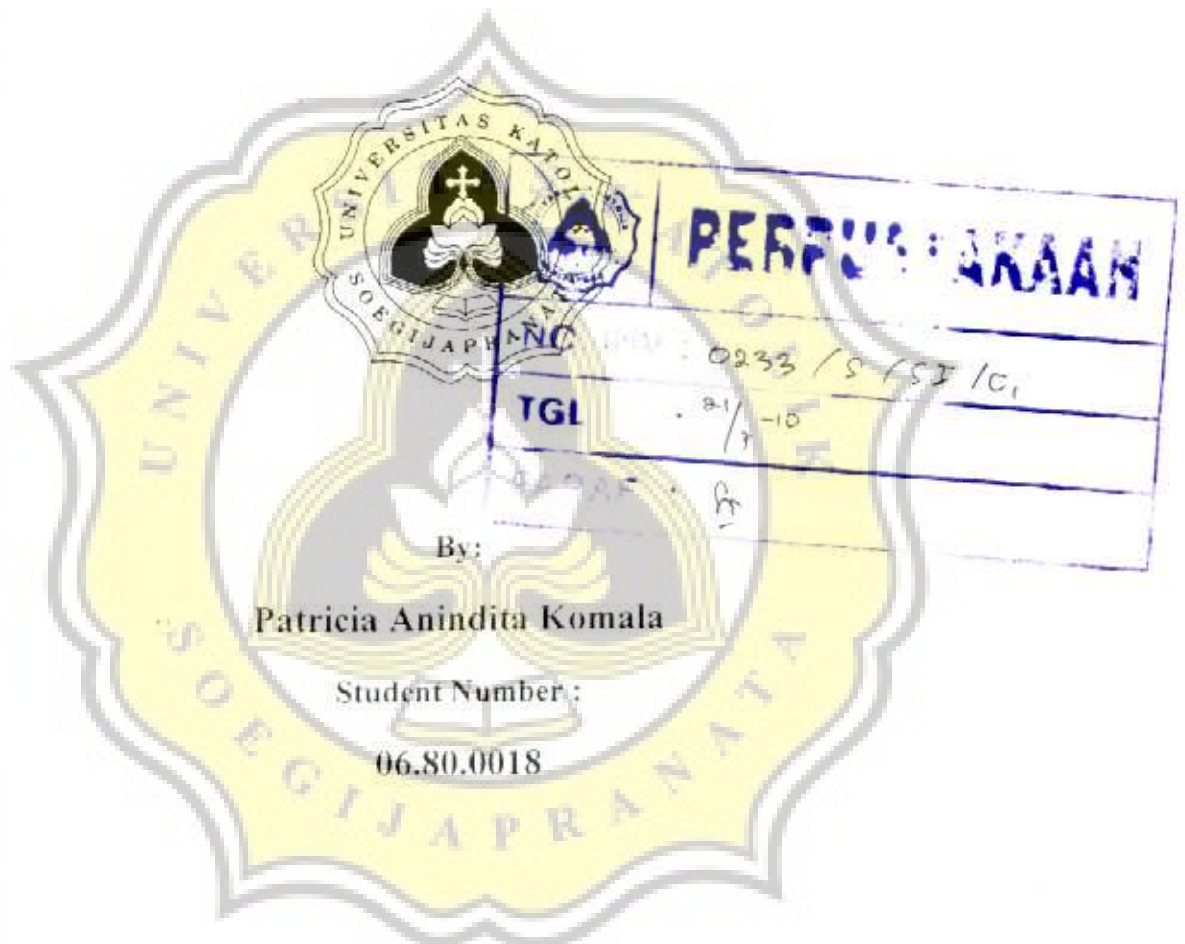


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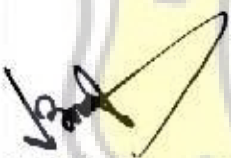
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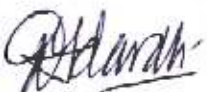
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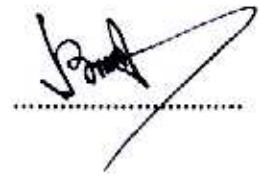
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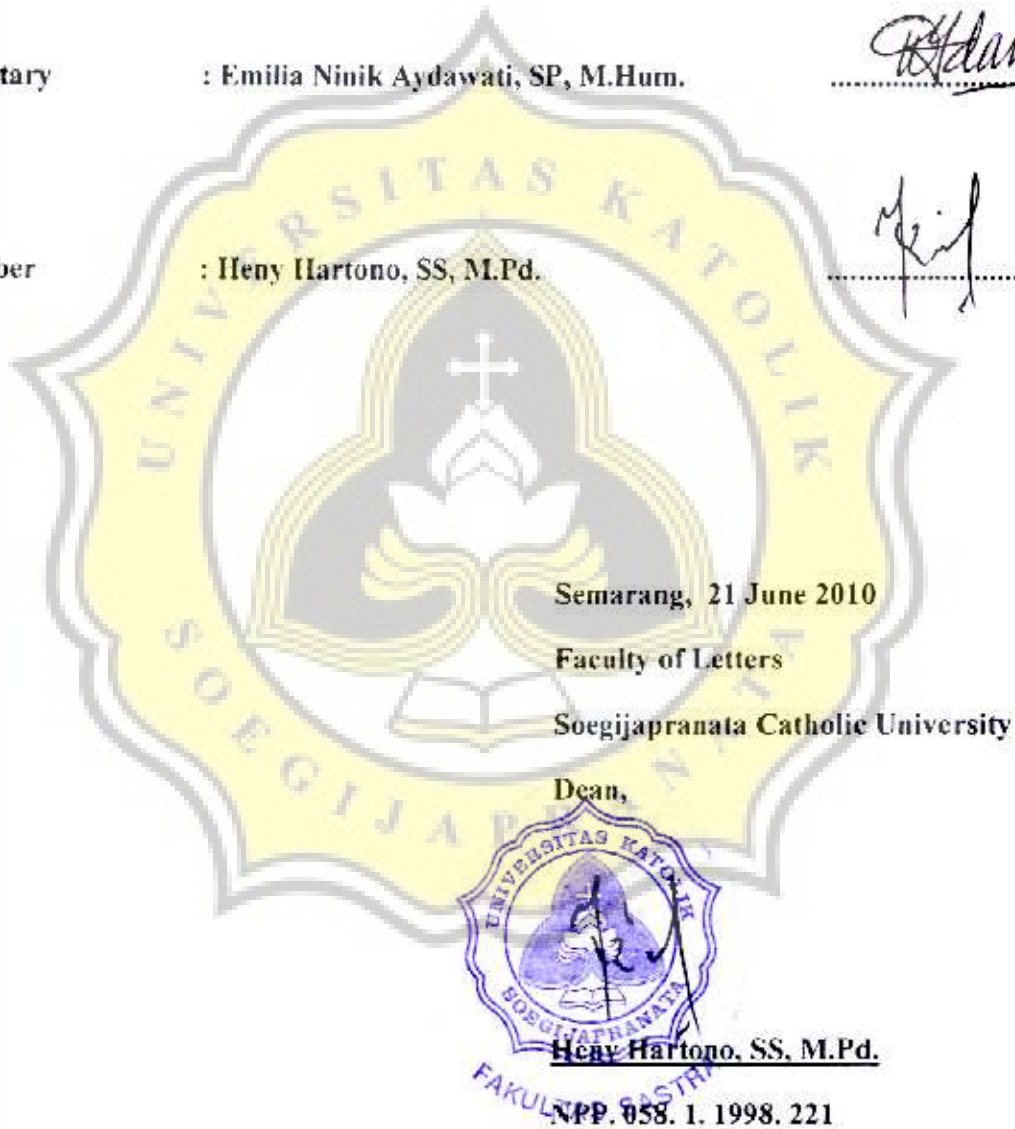
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Live

Run.
Everywhere.
Aimlessly.
Without worrying.
Without looking back.
For the freedom.
Run.

Play.
Without thinking.
Without planning.
With imagination.
With love.
With life.
Play.

Laugh.
Loudly.
Endlessly.
Innocently.
At yourself.
For yourself.
Laugh.

Be.
Crazy.
Funny.
Courageous.
Loving.
Yourself.
Be.

Live.
For yourself.
Helping others.
The way you want.
The way you need.
Your life.
Live.

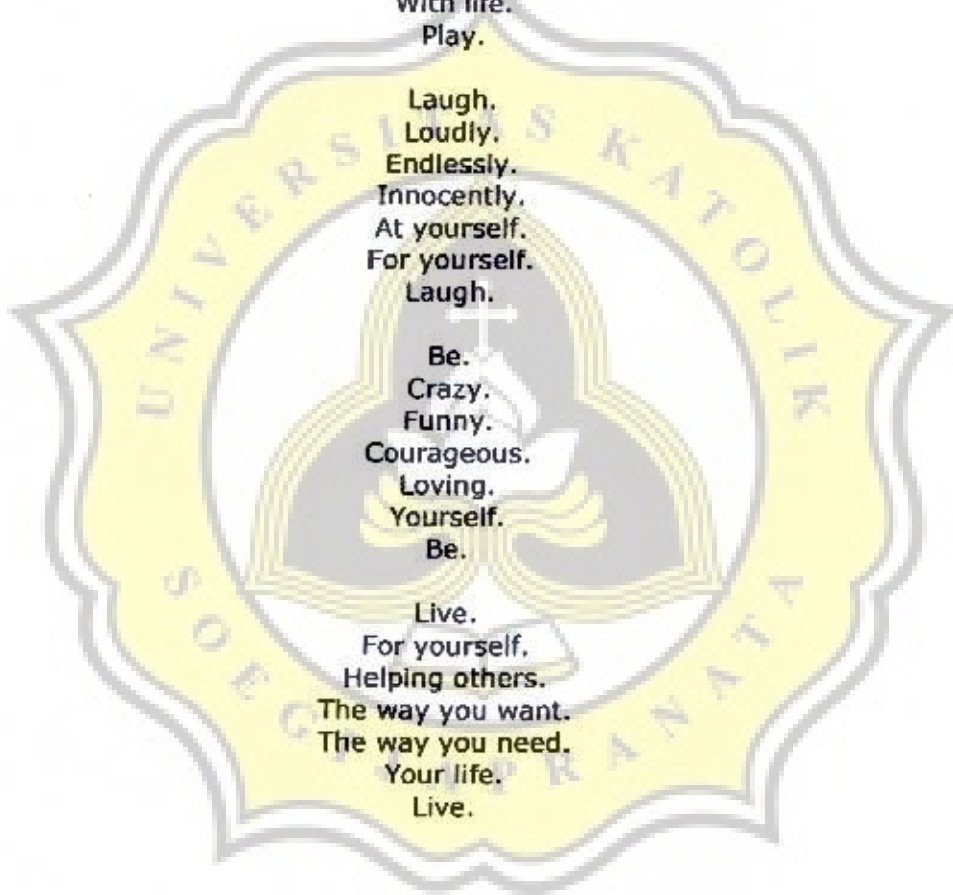


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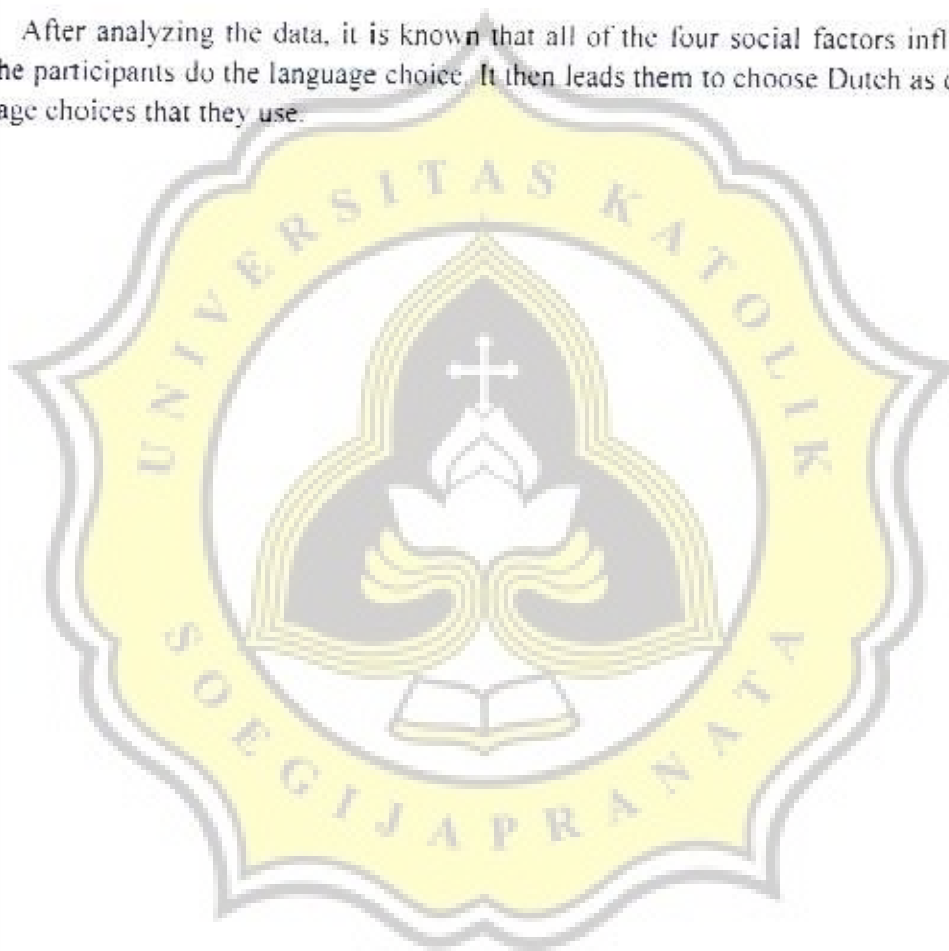
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Abstract

Chinese people are known as the people who are able to hold their tradition strongly. One of the traditions that is usually kept preserved is the language. They still use it momentarily. However, there are some of the Chinese descendants who were born in Indonesia that choose Dutch instead of Chinese as means of communication when they gather with other Chinese descendants. Together they form a community which is known as Chinese descent Dutch speech community.

The members choose Dutch to speak because of the influence of the social factors. The social factors consist of the participants, the setting, the topic, and the function of the language. This study aims at analysing the social factors which influence the Chinese descent language choice.

After analyzing the data, it is known that all of the four social factors influence the way the participants do the language choice. It then leads them to choose Dutch as one of the language choices that they use.



Abstrak

Orang-orang Cina dikenal sebagai orang yang mampu memegang tradisi mereka dengan kuat. Salah satu tradisi yang biasanya tetap dilestarikan adalah bahasa. Mereka terkadang masih menggunakannya. Meskipun demikian, ada beberapa orang-orang keturunan Cina yang dilahirkan di Indonesia yang lebih memilih menggunakan bahasa Belanda dibandingkan dengan bahasa mandarin ketika mereka sedang berkumpul dengan sesama orang-orang keturunan Cina yang lainnya. Bersama-sama, kemudian mereka membentuk sebuah komunitas yang dikenal sebagai komunitas orang-orang keturunan Cina yang berbicara bahasa Belanda.

Anggota komunitas ini memilih berbicara menggunakan bahasa Belanda karena pengaruh dari faktor-faktor sosial. Faktor-faktor tersebut terdiri dari peserta, setting tempat, topik pembicaraan, dan fungsi bahasa. Studi ini bertujuan untuk menganalisa faktor-faktor social yang mempengaruhi orang-orang keturunan Cina dalam pemilihan bahasa.

Setelah menganalisa data, diketahui bahwa semua faktor sosial mempengaruhi cara peserta dalam memilih bahasa. Hal ini kemudian menuntun mereka untuk memilih bahasa Belanda sebagai salah satu bahasa yang mereka pilih.

