Abstract

This research aims to describe the meaning of Japanese chopsticks proverbs that taken from kotowaza daijiten, the dictionary of proverb. The proverbs is contain with chopsticks word or hashi in Japanese. This study used qualitative approach. This study describes one of Japanese culture that could be seen from proverb.

The step of this research is reading some literature about chopsticks. The literature is about history of chopsticks, philosophy of chopsticks, and proverbs that contain the word hashi. Kotowaza daijiten is the main literature for this research that contain of proverbs. This research used the concept of folklore and also folk tradition. The concept helps to describe the meaning of chopsticks proverb.

The result of this research point out that Japanese chopsticks proverb could describe about Japanese culture. Chopsticks not only an eating utility, you have to know the rule how to use chopsticks. There are so many rule of chopsticks, they not only a rule that should be follow. Behind that rule there are some Japanese believes about live. We could see the Japanese believes also from proverbs. Also from proverbs that contain word hashi. The proverbs explain some of Japanese culture, such as Japanese ie system, four things that Japanese people afraid of, how is man duty in Japanese people, how is woman duty also, Japanese believe about God, about nature. This kinds of believe being told by Japanese from generation to generation. This is folklore, the things that people told from generation to generation, from grandparents to grandsons. Folklore helps people to find their identity and culture about their country. Folklore could be divided into three kinds. One of about folk tradition, believe.

Based on the result of this research, writer suggested to analyse the hashi proverbs deeper and to interview Japanese people to know more about Japanese believes.

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