

CHAPTER II

GENERALIZATION OF THE OBJECT THE STUDY

2.1 Acehnese People in Surabaya Society.

Most Acehnese people living in Surabaya are from North Aceh, Aceh Besar, and Aceh Pidie. There are approximately six hundred people in Surabaya. They earn their livelihood as contractors, doctors, policemen, and bussinessmen.

Acehnese people form an organization called LAKA (Lembaga Adat Kebudayaan Aceh). This organization is for married couples in order to bind the relationships among Acehnese people in Surabaya. Meanwhile, there is an organization for University students called PMKTR (Pelajar Mahasiswa Kekeluargaan Tanah Rencong).

Acehnese language, the regional language of Aceh is a part of the Austronesian language family. It consists of some dialects such as Pidie dialect, Aceh Besar dialect, Meulaboh dialect etc.

In my thesis, I will not separate the dialect of Acehnese language into Pidie dialect, Aceh Besar dialect

or Meulaboh dialect, since it differs only the way they speak such as intonation, pronunciation, and the choice of word.

In general, Acehnese language becomes the first language in daily communication. Bahasa Indonesia and Javanese are the second language. Acehnese language is more suitable in speaking among the members of society whose mother tongue is Acehnese.

Besides, Acehnese people speak Javanese language once in while. Acehnese people of Surabaya live among the natives of Surabaya and have been interacting with each other. So it can be said that Acehnese people have really mixed with the natives of Surabaya, eventhough they rarely speak Javanese.

2.2 The criteria of Code Switching Among Acehnese People in Surabaya:

Fishman wrote that code switching is the practice of changing from one dialect or language to another (cited in Palmer 1981 : 65). He also said that interlocutors may vary in the extent to which they may

appropriate by initiate or engage in such switching, depending on their role relationships to each other (Fishman, 1972 : 36).

Code is used for the conveyance of information, about personal intentions and feelings. The use of codes in language which serves to maintain or change social role relationship should have a structure which is appropriate to its function.

Acehnese people are multilingual. They can speak Indonesian, Javanese, and Acehnese language (the regional language).

A multilingual individual is perfectly competent in various languages. There may be little or no mixing in the actual production of the various languages. But since Acehnese people are not perfectly competent in the different varieties of language, there are many languages mixing.

Therefore there are criteria of code switching in situations when the speaker:

- suddenly feels happy
- suddenly feels angry

- wants to change the topic
- finds no suitable word in the familiar language
- intends to warm the situation
- doesn't want to be too formal.