

ABSTRACT

This study, based on fieldwork in a region of Central Aceh* where a population of Javanese in-migrants is settled among a majority consisting of the Gayo ethnic group, considers two questions :

- 1) to what extent have the Javanese been integrated into the Gayos' social life,
- 2) what factors have influenced this process of integration.

A brief discussion of the socio-cultural background of the two ethnic groups is presented.

Several indicators of integration and factors influencing integration have been found and examined. These indicators are : 1) language use, 2) intermarriage, 3) cooperation in work and 4) participation in local administration. Factors influencing integration are : 1) differential socio-cultural expectations and 2) ethnicity and self-identity.

Despite the fact that the two ethnic groups have been interacting since 1950 the integration of the Javanese in-migrants is still retarded by differences in socio-cultural expectations.