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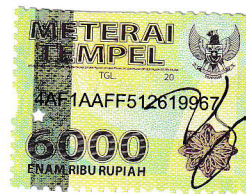
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one (Backhaus, 2007, p. ix; and Gorter, 2006, p. 83). A city is where public signs, shopping centers, billboards, advertisements and so forth can be easily found. No wonder that cityscape researches have been done in some big cities in the world, such as, Berlin (Takhtarova, et.al, 2015), Rome (Gorter, 2007), Manchester (Ryan, 2011; Gaiser & Matras, 2016), Seoul (Lawrence, 2012), Bangkok (Sutthniraphan, 2016), and New York (Dixson, 2015).

Some other scholars also attempt to do research about cityscape looking in different perspectives, such as, language policy (Takhtarova, et.al, 2015; Wang, 2015; Yavari, 2012; Haynes, 2012), sociolinguistics (Akindele, 2011; Grishaeva, 2015; Purschke, 2009), signage (Sutthniraphan, 2016; Thongtong, 2016; Jimmy, 2017), multilingualism (Dégi, 2012; Muth & Wolf, 2009; Ryan, 2011), language position (Koschade, 2016), language diversity (Dixson, 2015), ethnographic (Blommaert & Maly, 2014), ethnolinguistic (Butterman, 2011).

Over two decades, a linguistic landscape research specifically meaning-making construction of public places signage has been broadly analyzed. Gaiser and Matras (2016) conduct multilingual signs in Manchester. The data are derived through smartphone application *LinguaSnapp*. Discussing about the relation of language, identity and space in effecting the meaning-making of signs. Over 1.100 photos of Manchester linguistic landscape are counted in the *LinguaSnapp* corpus but only 953 signs are available. It shows that 80 percent of the signs are under private signs, followed by voluntary sector signs 13.3 percent and public sector signs only 6.4 percent. It discovers over 43 languages used in signs under the private sector, that dominated by Chinese for about 29.8 percent.

Recently, Sutthniraphan (2016) reports the advertising signage on Skytrain in Thailand. The advertisements are gathered from three BTS stations: Mochit, Payathai and Siam. Photographs and interviews are the two major sources of data collected in his study. The result shows that from the number of 1.000 signs, the bilingual of English – Thai signs are majority used in advertisement signage for about 65 percent, followed by monolingual English signs at 22 percent and monolingual Thai only 13 percent. Thai is chosen in advertisement to give information to Thai readership, while English is widely used to express the symbolic roles of luxury, technological advancement and internationalism. In the advertisements the researcher discovers that there are many types of code-mixing, the combination of English and Thai script, lexicon, syntax and phonology.

Thongthong (2016) has analyzed the signage of tourism place on Nimmanhemmin road, a Lanna Chiang Mai Chill-out street, the north of Thailand. It more focuses on analyzing the linguistic devices in creating the signs on Nimmanhemmin road. Signs are collected from every sign at front of stores from both sides of Nimanhaemin road. The result shows from the number of 321 signs, 98 percent of the signs come from trilingual signs of Thai-English-Chinese, while 2 percent signs are filled by Thai-English-Korean. For the bilingual, it is dominated by English-Chinese for about 54 percent, while for monolingual signs are largely dominated by English 45 percent, as national language Thai only has 30 percent. It has small number than monolingual English. For the linguistic devices, the researcher has found out eight kinds of linguistic devices in the signs;

transliterations, homophones, blend words, acronyms, personifications, syntactic structures, speech acts and politeness strategies.

Overall, from the previous studies above, English still has high number in signs indeed in the country which English is not as the first language. Even it is in form of bilingual or trilingual signs. It means that English has prominent role in creating signs. As in Thailand, English is a major strategy to attract audience and simultaneously increase a brand's value and it is shorter and more eye-catching, additionally, through English can demonstrate internationalism, advancement and a high educational level (Sutthinaraphan, 2016, p. 68).

Lately, the interest of linguistic landscape research has been growing in Indonesia. There are three research papers concern on linguistic landscape that have been done by undergraduate students and lecturers of Islamic State of Sunan Ampel Surabaya (UINSA). They are Ardhana (2017), Auliasari (2017) and Fakhroh and Rohmah (2018). Ardhana (2017) and Auliasari (2017) conduct their research in Surabaya, while Fakhroh and Rohmah (2018) conduct their research in Sidoarjo.

Ardhana's study (2017) has analyzed the linguistic landscape in Surabaya. He investigates the relationship between linguistic landscape and bilingual in Ethnography approach. The signs are collected from two big stations, those are Gubeng Station and Pasar Turi Station. It discovers that from two stations, Gubeng Station has more number of bilingual language nor monolingual English. It also reveals that mostly the bilingual signs are applied as top-down language on those two stations. The researcher also considers to analyze the diversity of

language from those two areas in the study, though the researcher is more focus on the bottom-up signs.

Auliasari (2017) also has done a research in Surabaya but in different place. Auliasari more focuses on the language mixing and language choice of the tourism place in Surabaya. The signs and billboards are photographed in Surabaya Zoo. It reveals that there are four types of signs in Surabaya Zoo, these are information signs, souvenir and food stalls, place name signs and direction signs. While for the language choice, the researcher has found out the application of monolingual (Bahasa and English), bilingual (Bahasa-English and Bahasa-Latin) and trilingual (Bahasa-Latin-English) aim to attract the visitors locals or foreigners. In this research, the researcher also find the use of lexical blending, acronym and speech act in some signs regarding to strategic employee to attract the customers.

Another researcher has investigated linguistic landscape in different city. Fakhroh and Rohmah (2018) have researched linguistic landscape in Sidoarjo. The researchers examine the number of visible languages and functions of linguistic landscape in Sidoarjo. The number of signs are gathered in some public places in Sidoarjo; Larangan market, train station, central park, two Shopping Centres, and three main roads (*str. Diponegoro*, *str. Gajah Mada* and *str. Pahlawan*). It discovers some languages are used in Sidoarjo; Indonesia, English, Javanese, Arabic, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin and Thai. From those number, monolingual languages of Indonesian and English are majority language used in the signs. Furthermore for the functions, there are six functions of signs: to

provide information and regulation, symbolic, conserve local language, show the identity, show readiness for foreign tourists, and economic purposes. Most of bilingual Indonesian-English signs have function as informative, while the operation of foreign languages in the signs have function as symbolic mostly for economic purposes.

From the result of three previous studies above, it is disclosed that there are various languages discovered in big cities. Moreover, one of the researchers finds rare languages such as Thai and Latin. Besides that, the researchers also find out trilingual as well quadrilingual signs. Unfortunately, the most concern of the studies above are taken in public places and tourism area in big towns located in East Java. A researcher who investigated about linguistic landscape in little town has already done yet. Therefore, the researcher notices this gap and fills the gap by investigating linguistic landscape in a little town mainly in East Java. The researcher wants to look for the different of linguistic landscape in big city and little town. Whether it is in case of the spread of languages or language functions.

Furthermore, in three previous studies above, most of the researchers use their own personal interpretation in analyzing the signs without doing any interviews related to the signs to get the correct view. Hence, this study utilizes two instruments (self-observation and interview) to get in-depth understanding about the language choice of the signs.

As stated by Gorter et.al (2012, p. 1), a linguistic landscape approach is applicable for some reasons. 'First', it captures all written text that printed on the public space, it is not only focusing on certain signs but on all visible signs.

Second, linguistic landscape is more than analyzing signs, but as well investigates who places, initiates, creates and reads the signs. Hence, in this present study, the researcher investigates the shop's owner to know the reasons of the language choice.

Bangil is located in Pasuruan Regency, it is a name of district in Pasuruan. The researcher considers some judgments in choosing Bangil as the place in doing research since in Bangil is included in the small town looking from the physical perspective such as government buildings, economic facilities and populations, with the population for about 87 thousands people. *Guru Geografi Indonesian* suggest that small city is a city with population of between 20.000-100.00 (2017, para. 8). One of the places is Kampung Arab, as its name, this place is the most of Arabs live. Besides, there are some people from different ethnics and race backgrounds live harmoniously and many shops spree belonging to Arabs and Javaneses in Bangil. Hence, there will be the possibility of bi/multilingual in this district.

This present study aims to analyze the number of languages and the language choice on signs in Bangil. The signs are collected from Kampung Arab in Bangil. By capturing dozens of photographs, it can calculate the visible number of languages in Bangil. Furthermore, interviewing some shop's owner can help the researcher to know perspective of language choice in the signs. The researcher distinguishes the number of signs in top-down and bottom-up, to identify the number of private and public signs. By finishing this study, this study can enrich the number of linguistic landscape study in Indonesia.

signs at the same time. On the other words, linguistic landscape that shows several languages has important role in detecting language situation in specific areas.

The notion of linguistic landscape itself is firstly introduced in 1997, a paper printed by Landry and Bourhis, they have defined the notion of linguistic landscape. According to them, linguistic landscape is a language that is clearly seen and dominated in public in a particular area. Generally, the objects of linguistic landscape are names of sites, buildings, road signs, streets, places and institutions along with advertising billboards, and commercial shop signs (Gorter, 2006, p. 8). The definition above explains the usage of language that visible printed in written text in public scope in definite area. Likewise, Shohamy and Gorter (2009, p. 1) draw linguistic landscape focuses more on languages in a neighbourhood by seeing the spaces that displayed openly in a certain area. Commonly, signs can easily be found in public places, shopping centers, shops, schools, government offices, lamppost, and so on. However, those places are dominated in big cities.

A city is a place where often occurs language contact (Backhaus, 2007, p. 1). The serial number of signs is elevated occur especially in cities where many shopping centres are frequently spotted. It will be more appropriate to be called as linguistic cityscape rather than naming as linguistic landscape (Gorter, 2006, p. 2). Linguistic landscape and cityscape are same in definition, but since many researchers prefer did linguistic landscape's study in cities, it made sense if is called as cityscape. Additionally, Due to the fact that the linguistic landscape is often studied in urban, multilingual areas, some scholars suggest the terms

status of languages in specified place. Therefore, through linguistic landscape, it allows to draw how the public life of community comes about. The Informative sign is the language in the sign which conveys message to be informed to the reader. This sign is mostly discovered in public places or government sign. The informative function that shown in the signs in the different languages indicates the language to be used in communication at shops and other businesses and also reflects the relative power of the different languages.

While on the other hand, symbolic function means how the status and value of specific languages in the society compared to the others. Landry and Bourhis (1997, p. 27) also point out that private signs are often designed more linguistic diversity than government signs. As thoughtful as Ben-Rafael et al's (2009, p. 49) report that private signs are commonly created much freely.

The dominant language that used in signs can represent specified the power, status, strength, and vitality of language in the certain areas. Linguistic landscape analysis permit us to point out patterns that representing different ways how people, communities, associations, and government organizations handle symbols' game within a multiplex reality (Gorter, 2006, p. 27).

2.3 Language Choice

As we know, a sign involves particular language on it. The linguistic landscape contributes some factors in describing the presence of languages and the linguistic that using characteristic of a given territory, and explaining the reasons why such languages are used (Barni & Bagna, 2009, p. 129). The motive of the presence language used in signs is called language choice. The designer or

the author of signs is not merely choosing a language randomly, it has some considerations in selecting certain language to be put on the signs. To know the reasons behind choosing the language, Spolsky and Cooper (1991) present three inclination models that applied in their study in Jerusalem landscape. Spolsky and Cooper (1991, p. 81-85), suggest that there are three conditions behind language choice, they are:

2.3.1 Write Language You Know

It is a necessity for the producers to know “the language chosen” (Spolsky & Cooper, 1991, p. 81). Write familiar language means writing the signs in a language that is known by the owners even though do not have writing proficiency so that it causes some error spellings. It is a common phenomenon to witness orthography or grammatical errors on signs, since “knowledge of language is a gradual phenomenon”. No wonder signs that use foreign languages found having many grammatical errors in this condition.

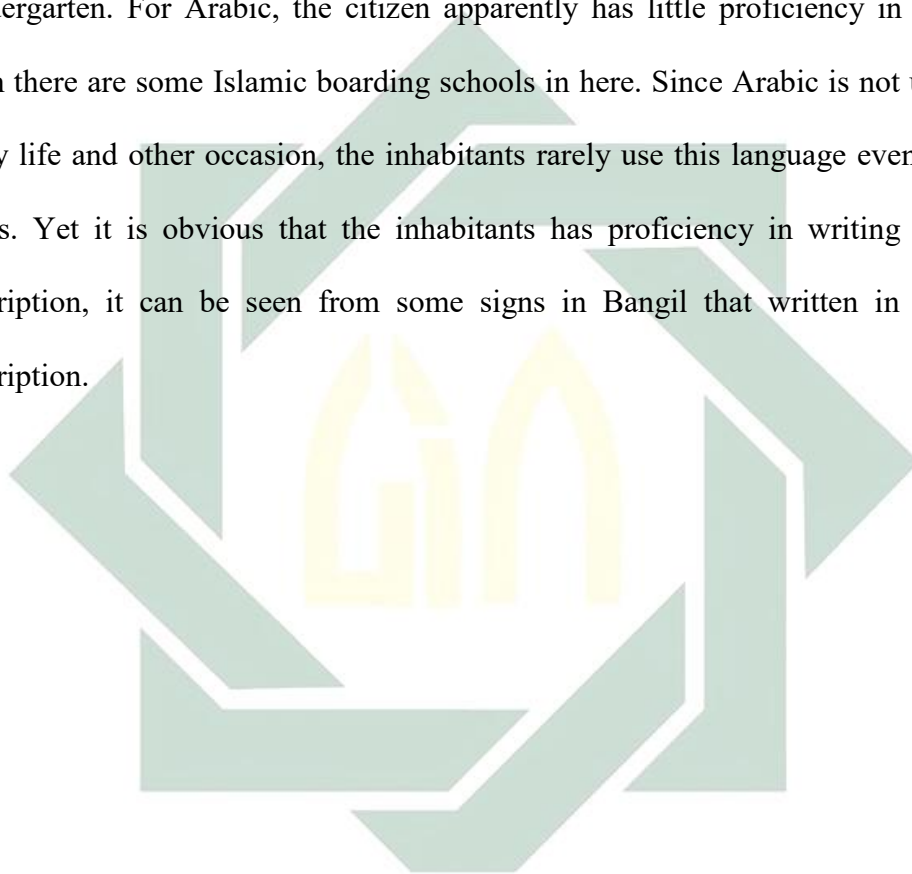
2.3.2 Capture The Communicative Goal

This condition is usually used by commercial signs, sign writers prefer choosing a language in potential clients’ language even the sign owner has lack of proficiency in its language. It is typically named the “presumed reader’s condition”: prefer a certain language to write in signs which is more readable and comprehensible by our potential readers. It is more looking at the readers view.

One of the famous places in Bangil is Kampung Arab. In Indonesia, there are many places with the nickname Kampung Arab, such as in Palembang, Jakarta, Bogor, Surabaya. It turns out that in the Pasuruan regency also exists Kampung Arab precisely in Bangil. Arab merchants are arrived firstly around 1860 in old town for trading and studying theology of Islam. Arabs are scatted in Bangil due to marriage with the natives, but many Arabs who live in the north of Bangil precisely in *Bader str, Gurami str, Dorang str, Mujaer str, Paus str, Hiu str, Kersikan str, Lumba-lumba str, and Cucut str*. In those streets, many Arabs pass by there. Not only that, a typical Middle Eastern house that has two doors and two supporting pillars is easy to find there. And also special foods from Middle Eastern such as Kari Kambing, *Nasi Kebuli, Gulai Kambing, Canai bread and Kebab* are found in there like in other Kampung Arab in Indonesia. Besides typical Middle Eastern houses and foods, many Arabs sell gamis, dates, prayer equipments, and perfumes.

As for the language, mostly Javanese is the mother tongue for majority population in this town even the Arab. They use Javanese to communicate with each other in daily life. In other hand, Indonesian as we know, it is the official language of Indonesia. Indonesian law about language Indonesian as Official language regulated in the no.24/2009 states that the flag, language and symbol of the state and national anthem are unifying means, identity and form of existence of the notion that is a symbol of sovereignty and honor of the state. Based on this law, Indonesian is applied to show a sense of nationalism towards our nation. Furthermore, Indonesian should be used in government administration.

While for English, in Indonesian English is still considered as foreign language. It may be arguably that the existence of English in Indonesian is very strong and visible. This phenomenon can be seen from many Indonesian have language proficiency of English. In school, English begin to be taught since on the kindergarten. For Arabic, the citizen apparently has little proficiency in Arabic even there are some Islamic boarding schools in here. Since Arabic is not used in daily life and other occasion, the inhabitants rarely use this language even in the signs. Yet it is obvious that the inhabitants has proficiency in writing Arabic inscription, it can be seen from some signs in Bangil that written in Arabic inscription.



method, the researcher required to ask questions by face-to-face (Khotari, 2004, p. 114). During interviewing people, the researcher used Indonesian when conveyed the questions. The researcher asked at least ten questions regarding language choice. The questions were related to the language choice of the signs (the language used in the signs, the meaning of the word and the reason of choosing the language), setting of the signs, and owners' expectation to the reader and to whom the signs referred to.

3.2.3 Techniques of Data Collection

Regarding in collecting the data, the researcher applied some steps of this study such as surveying the fields, choosing the sample, observing the fields while photographing the picture, interviewing some people and at the same time recording the data, transcribing the records and the last categorizing the data. The procedures were arranged as follows:

1. Firstly, the researcher surveyed some streets in Kampung Arab.
2. Secondly, the researcher chose some streets in Kampung Arab (where some Arabs lived in the streets) that became the places for taking the data. The streets were *str. Bader*, *str. Ikan Paus*, *str. Dorang*, *str. Lumba-lumba*, *str. Hiu*, *str. Cucut* and *str. Gurami*.
3. Thirdly, the researcher observed the streets while snapping the photographs. The researcher did streets observation four times which did in each Saturday in September 2018.
4. Fourthly, the researcher gathered the data of the photographs in one folder.

the Arabs neighborhood. And then the bilingual with Indonesian-English is followed next with the percentage of 18%.

Comparing between monolingual, bilingual and trilingual, monolingual sign is the most frequent found. There only three most-used languages, they are displayed; Indonesian, English and Javanese. Even English and Javanese have number less than 10%, English still has higher amount than Javanese. This means that even Javanese is used in informal communication, English is more considered to apply in the sign for business purposes. While Arabic is hardly used in the signs, no one signs uses monolingual with Arabic. Since using monolingual with Arabic in the signs complicates the reader to be read and understood. Since a sign's criteria must be readable and comprehensible either from distant or nearby (Molokomme, 2011, p. 39). Therefore, Arabic is only used in bilingual and trilingual.

In bilingual signs, it has four kinds of bilingual languages. Indonesian is mostly used in the kinds of bilingual signs. Not only appears in bilingual sign, Indonesian also appears in trilingual sign. Besides Indonesian, English also has number in bilingual and trilingual.

Viewed as an informal language, presumably Javanese is unconsidered to be applied in sign. Probably, people assume that local language or informal language is less modern, attractive and selling. Besides that local language is only understood by local residents, so that it only captures Local orientation. But both two signs above are attractive signs with “the unique word choice”. It is in line with Fakhroh and Rohmah’s (2018, p. 112) statement, they said that the unique name can attract and invite more clients to come since it is ‘easily imprint in mind’.

4.1.1.2 Bilingual

Some kind of languages are applied in bilingual signs in Kampung Arab. In the bilingual some variation of four languages; Indonesian, English, Arabic and Javanese. The bilingual variations found is four kinds, which are Indonesian-English, Indonesian-Arabic, Indonesian-Javanese and English-Arabic. The total number of bilingual signs in Kampung Arab is ninety-seven signs from 250 signs. Indonesian-English holds the first position in the utmost applied in signs.

4.1.1.2.1 Indonesian-English

In Indonesia the bilingual Indonesian-English signs are easily found in the corner of places. As in Kampung Arab, this kind of signs is widely spread in each streets. In monolingual sign in Kampung Arab, both Indonesian and English have great number in signs. In bilingual sign where Indonesian and English are combined in one sign, still there is great amount of signs. A number of forty-five signs is found in the corner of all chosen streets. Indonesian-English signs is

It is visible that the local government uses duplicating writing Latin Indonesian and Arabic inscription on street signs. Duplicating writing means words or texts that appear similar wording but in different languages on signs (Bachaus, 2007, p. 34). Arabic inscription is chosen signaling that the inhabitants have proficiency in writing and reading Arabic inscription.

4.2 Discussion

In this section, the results that have already explained above will be investigated intensely. There are two main points of this present research, they are language types used in signs and the reason of choosing certain language. Those points have created interesting new results.

At first discussion about language types that found in Kampung Arab neighborhood, the results discover that there are four main languages that frequently appear in signs. The result of this present research is not much different with the cityscape result of Fakhroh and Rohmah (2018) in Sidoarjo and Yannuar and Tabiati's (2016) study in Malang. The languages are Indonesian, English, Javanese and Arabic in total number of 250 signs that apply in whether monolingual, bilingual even trilingual. Surprisingly the researcher also has found some signs that hard to be identified and classify into miscellaneous. The results confirm that monolingual signs are the foremost in signs. For the languages, still Indonesian holds the first position in Kampung Arab since Indonesian is set as the official language of Indonesia. Indonesian mostly serves function as informative function and in some cases it serves local '*lingua franca*'. The salience of Indonesian is not only dominated in bottom-up but also in top-down. In this

language, the researcher has found four variation writings that are applied in urban spaces. The variations are Indonesian written in Latin alphabets, Indonesian written in old Latin Indonesian alphabets, Indonesian written in half Arabic inscriptions and the last Indonesian written in full Arabic inscription.

Unfortunately, Javanese as the mother tongue of majority local people has not less than ten signs. This result has resemblance with Fakhroh and Rohmah (2018, p. 112), and Yannuar and Tabiati's (2016, p. 131) statement that sign that uses Javanese is hard to discover, it seems like Javanese disappeared from the space. However, English as foreign language has quite frequent number than Javanese. English signs are frequently used for beauty parlours, boutiques, travel agencies and food shops. English mostly serves as symbolic function for economic purposes. It is because English is used for economic reasons that signaling modernity and internationality, educated, prestige, and openness occasionally considered as *'lingua franca'* to attract wider clients (Muth, 2014, p. 51; Jimmy, 2017, p. 122; Alfaifi, 2015, p. 66). English signs that are discovered in Kampung Arab appear in form monolingual, bilingual and trilingual with dominated by private signs.

Although the result of English signs in Kampung Arab is greater than Arabic signs, Arabic has some number of signs in Kampung Arab. This matter is contradictory with the fact that majority inhabitants are Arabs. From the results, Monolingual Arabic is hardly found, and not even one is discovered. Since Arabic signs only appear mostly in form bilingual and trilingual, and often used by street names, Masjids and some shop names. The present of certain language in signs

has important role to depict the identity (Gorter, 2006, p. 1). Arabic signs put up in Kampung Arab mostly aim to expose explicitly the identity of owners as Muslims and in this case as Arab.

At second discussion about the language choice of signs in Kampung Arab, the results show that there are five conditions in choosing certain languages. This present research results are not much different with Spolsky and Cooper's (1991, p. 81-85) study about conditions behind language choice. They state that there are three language choice conditions, they are "write language you know, capture communicative act and assert ownership. From their observation, they claim that owners mostly applied the first condition while only some owners apply the second and third conditions for their signs. However in this research, the conditions of language choice are write familiar language, capture communicative goal, assert ownership, adopt family's name and get result from discussion and agreement are the conditions found in Kampung Arab.

From the results, conditions that are often used are the first condition. Many owners clarify that applying English and Indonesian since they know the language even some owners are not have writing proficiency of English. Second condition often used is adopt the name after family's name. Sometime shop names have accordance to the owner's name, product or certain places name (Hussein et al, 2015, p. 159-160). Adopting family member's name to be put in signs is common phenomenon in Indonesian. Commonly they will put their first child's name in their signs. In Kampung Arab case, since majority inhabitants are Arab and Muslim, their shop names are adopt from their Arabic name.

While for communicative goal, the researcher divides into two types of goals, goal to catch the target readers and goal to be accessible. In this condition, Indonesian language is applied due to fact to be readable the contents of signs for the local people. But some shops are also applied English aimed to be read by their target readers which are foreigners. One of purposes naming a shop in English words is to easily catch tourists' attention that straightly direct to foreign tourists (Thongtong, 2016, p. 79; Prapobratanakul, 2016, p. 28). Arabic signs that are scattered in all streets in Kampung Arab somewhat assert ownership identity as Muslims. Whereas public signs that written in bilingual Indonesian with Arabic are the result of discussion and agreement with community leaders and get approved by local regent.

All in all, this present study has three prominent finding. From four languages discovered, Indonesian as national language has great influence to be dominant languages in signs in Kampung Arab. English that is foreign language is more considered in signs rather local languages, since English has significant symbolic values. English marks of globalization, high status and modernity (Ryan, 2011, p. 40). Owners considered both two languages since both language are most familiar languages to the owners and readers.

which only have not more than two percent. This shows how the inhabitants view Javanese as informal language and less attractive. Since English carries more economic benefits in signs than local languages so that it is more considered by owners.

While from the interviews that have been done with some owners aim to know the language choice of the signs. The results reveal that there are five conditions behind the choice of the languages. They are “writing language you know”, “capturing communicative goal”, “asserting ownership”, “adopting from family name”, and “getting from result of discussion and agreement”. Three conditions first are same with Spolsky and Cooper’s (1991, p. 81-85) theory about conditions of language choice.

From those conditions, commonly owners do not have any specific reasons in choosing certain languages. Mostly owners choose language that they familiar with which is Indonesian and English even some signs have misspelling. Besides that comprehensible becomes one of purposes in picking languages. While only some owners choose languages considering their identity.

The apparent of Arabic signs in Kampung Arab are frequently dominated by Arabic names which are put up on signs as the shop names. This phenomenon becomes a tradition in Indonesia not except Kampung Arab to put a family names as the shop names. While the emerge of street names written in Latin Indonesian and Arabic Inscription are the result of discussion that held with community leader in the area and got approved from the local regent.

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