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Linguistic landscape is important for spreading new and other languages, by writing it on a sign, in that way we learn other languages. The linguistic landscape is used to make people understand the signs using different languages, this language refers to certain people, for example, the Javanese language is intended for Javanese people only and just like the others. This is the reason why linguistic landscape is important nowadays, besides, linguistic landscape itself is also important to the society.

Linguistic landscape emerges an area of study in the society, especially the display of languages in public spaces, including signs, billboards, advertisements, and graffiti (Wardhaugh & Fuller, 2015, p.86). The researcher concludes that the purpose of linguistic landscape is to discover many languages within society and the effect of society in languages. Within the society itself, society is divided into multi-cultural, multi-religion and multi-ethnic people lived in one place, which sometimes evokes a conflict between groups (Fowler, 1979. p.9).

On the other hand, there are many researchers that did their study using the linguistic landscape. It is because the linguistic landscape is used in every object such as billboard, public sign, shop advertisement, etc. It is important in our life nowadays because of the linguistic landscape changes society and their knowledge about language. This is the reason why there are a lot of researchers take Linguistic Landscape as the focus of their study. There are previous studies of linguistic landscape such as minority languages and the relation of linguistic landscape used in a society based on Cenoz and Gorter (2006), city languages and

diversity in Rome by Gorter, (2007) and multilingualism in worship place in Surabaya by Wafa and Sheila (2018).

The first previous study was written by Cenoz and Gorter (2006) about minority languages and the relation about linguistic landscape itself. This study focuses on two districts, Donostia and Ljouwert. This study compares minority language and English language beneath the language policy for the development of the English language. The researcher analyzes the data firstly, by dividing the bilingual language and multilingual languages. The result explains the language policy regarding minority and majority languages and shows the differences between them about the Dutch language which has the most prominent language in Ljouwert and Spanish which has the most prominent language in Donostia based on the size of text and information given. The language policy has a big role to maintain the minority language on the linguistic landscape such as English, Frisian, and Basque by using those languages on the commercial sign.

The second previous study was different from Cenoz & Gorter (2006). Gorter (2007) focuses on multilingualism and diversity aspects in Rome. This study contains bilingualism and multilingualism signs, which is counted by the researcher about the percentages, then the researcher looks for the differences in using more than one language in one place with other places. As a result, the linguistic landscape in Rome has 80% of one language that is used on sign and has 20% of two languages. The sign is to express their identity as Italian, to make others aware of their presence. The other language just indicates specific places such as the Chinese language that indicates Chinatown, Spanish, and Rumanian



that indicates the place that is inhabited by private initiative only. The Italian language becomes the official language (top-down) rather than the English language but sometimes there is a combination of using two languages, Italian and English.

The last study was about multilingualism sign in worship place in Surabaya by Wafa and Sheila (2018). The present study is more efficient rather than the old one, Wafa and Sheila only count the data and explain it. This study presents the language used in some of the worship places around Surabaya, such as klenteng, mosque, church, and pura which used English, Arabic, and Chinese languages. This research presents total complete data in each place, for example in several mosques in Surabaya which has more monolingual signs than bilingual and multilingual. The amount of the data presents monolingual sign which used the most in those places, rather than bilingual and multilingual. The researcher finds at least 10 languages that are used in some of the worship place which indicates their nationality, ideology, and cultural identity as the result of the study.

Based on the previous studies above, the researcher finds the lack from the previous studies. Cenoz and Gorter (2006) only take data in two streets which makes the analysis limited in linguistic sign and there is no specific district in Donostia which is considered Basque where Basque speakers live. Gorter's (2007) study about the linguistic landscape in Rome is more complete, but Gorter mentions that Rome uses the Italian language to show identity, without interviewing the people who are involved with the sign. Is it really to show identity or not, because there is another reason like the government policy rules,

show the native Italian power, and to make the other society learn Italian language. The latest research from Wafa and Sheila (2018) takes place in a religious place in Surabaya. The researchers conduct multilingualism but more focuses on monolingualism. Multilingualism just becomes a supporting topic. They mention and track multilingual but not focus on multilingual itself. Besides shows multilingual, they are not concerned with the explanation of dominant language that is used in a multilingual society. This study has more deficiencies rather than the other previous study. Overall, these researchers explain the signs, but none of them explain deeper about how language can be used in that place.

In order to fulfill the lack of the previous studies, the researcher takes the subject from a multi-ethnic district to explain deeper about the linguistic landscape in multi-ethnic districts of Surabaya. The researcher takes the data from every kind of sign at three different districts such as Ampel, Kya-kya, and Pakuwon districts from three different shopping and living area, in order to get the complete data. Furthermore, the researcher explains the history of using many kinds of language based on interviews. This study gives a major explanation of the linguistic landscape in multi-ethnic districts in Surabaya and the background of language used. It is interesting because this study shows the characteristics of sign and the reason of using those language in each multi-ethnic district, also none of the researchers took this subject.

According to the topic, the researcher takes the data from the multi-ethnic district. Multi-ethnic is a society that consists of several ethnic groups, which is the one is the majority and the rest is the minority. Indonesian nation's multi-



(BPS) or Central Bureau of Statistics 2017. The researcher uses the year of 2017 because this is the last statistics doing by BPS.

According to the website, ([Surabaya.go.id/id/page/0/8228/demografi](http://Surabaya.go.id/id/page/0/8228/demografi)), which was accessed on 30/11/19, Surabaya is a multi-ethnic city that rich in culture. There is ethnic diversity in Surabaya such as Melayu, Chinese, Indian, Arab, and European. Archipelago ethnic can also be found, such as Maduranese, Sundanese, Batak and etc, which blends with the native people of Surabaya, forming cultural pluralism which subsequently characterizes the city of Surabaya. Some of an article proves that Ampel, Kya-kya, and Pakuwon are included in the multi-ethnic district in Surabaya.

According to the website ([m.detik.com/travel/dtravelers\\_stories/u-4030027/ngabuburit-asyik-menjelajah-kampung-arab-di-surabaya/4](http://m.detik.com/travel/dtravelers_stories/u-4030027/ngabuburit-asyik-menjelajah-kampung-arab-di-surabaya/4), accessed on 30/11/19) Ampel area is one of the multi-ethnic districts in Surabaya. Strong cultural acculturation in Arab ethnic as the largest ethnic there, some said it can be seen from the many faces of its ethnic who fill the area ranging from residents to trading area, with the local Surabaya ethnic such as Maduranese and Javanese who then blends in language and culture.

Based on the interviews with some residents of the Ampel area, the process of inculturation of Madura ethnic culture with Arab ethnic in Ampel Surabaya is originated from the migration of ethnic Madurese from Madura Island to Java. The main factor that caused the Madurese to move to Java is to trade. In general, Madurese ethnic groups mostly trade scrap metal and other used goods, but in the Ampel region, the Madurese mostly trades in Islamic goods, for

example, trading in prayer, perfume, and food items. While Arabs at that time are decided to come to Indonesia with the purpose of trading and spreading Islam. Based on BPS Surabaya (Badan Pusat Statistik) 2017 and Population Report on July-September 2015 stated the Ampel area is inhabited by 59.68% Arab, 39.99% Javanese-maduranese, 0.1468% Chinese, 0.1742% Hindi. Many of Maduranese and Arabs inhabit in the trading area and tourism area, while Javanese inhabits in living area.

While kya-kya Surabaya is called Chinatown of Surabaya ([erawisata.com/kya-kya-kembang-jepun/](http://erawisata.com/kya-kya-kembang-jepun/) accessed on 30/11/19) which becomes one of the multi-ethnic districts in Surabaya, which is located at Kembang Jepun Street near Jembatan Merah Surabaya. The residents still use their own attributes, characteristics. They blend with the other ethnics there, such as Javanese and Maduranese. So, Kembang Jepun or Kya-Kya Surabaya can be called as representative of ethnic pluralism in Surabaya.

In the era of the Dutch government, Kembang Jepun or Kya-kya area was the center of Surabaya. Ships from various berths on the banks of the Kalimas River. Therefore, the area became a very crowded trade center. The Arab traders have occupied the north side, while the Chinese traders have occupied the south side, with the blood of the Pasar Pabean - Jl. Kembang Jepun as the limit.

According to BPS Surabaya 2017, the Kya-kya area is inhabited by 62.996% Chinese people, it causes this area called Pecinan Surabaya. The rest of them are 36.04% Javanese and 2% other. Even there are a lot of Chinese ethnicities with their religion of Konghucu and Christian, Worship place is dominated by Javanese

people with their religion, Islam. 72% of the worship place is Mosque, 23% Christian church and the rest is Klenteng about 5%. Most of the Chinese people are inhabited the main street of Kya-kya which becomes the shopping center and the rest inhabited by Javanese in Living area.

On the other hand, Pakuwon City of Surabaya ([pakuwonresidential.com/pages/7/pakuwon-city/](http://pakuwonresidential.com/pages/7/pakuwon-city/) accessed on 30/11/19) is the biggest independent and self-sufficient district in Surabaya. Located at the eastern coast of Surabaya, this district occupying an area of 600 hectares. With the population of 20.000 residents, 5000 houses and connecting the road to Madura, become the largest home living area in Surabaya also the luxuries one that inhabited by high-class businessman, and some of them are Chinese.

Pakuwon district is an independent and self-sufficient township from Surabaya city. Located in the east coast of Surabaya with 600 hectares of land. Built-in 1994 with 20.000 residents based on Pakuwon Group Residential and Office 2018, which makes Pakuwon district grows quickly. Pakuwon city is awarded "Properti Indonesia" for the prospective housing development. It develops many luxurious clusters such as Puri Griya Asri, Royal, San Diego, Laguna Regency, etc. Pakuwon City residence is inhabited by a high-class and business society. A lot of businessmen from Chinese ethnic mostly take over this place, and it is about to 86% of them. The rest is Javanese ethnic who just inhabiting the living area. Some of the Javanese work in the shopping center, but they are not inhabiting Pakuwon district.











Each linguistic landscape has different functions, and it is based on the types of signs and refers to whom. Linguistic landscape is used to make people understand the meaning by reading the other language.

Shohamy & Gorter (2009, p.6) give detailed information. They describe the linguistic landscape can be found in cities, indoor markets and outdoor shopping centers, shops, schools, offices of government and big corporations, moving buses, campuses, beaches and the cyber space. The basic rule of linguistic landscape is the use of visual language in a public place, representing the ideas of multilingualism, according to Shohamy (2006, p.10). Linguistic landscape happens in almost every place, in the corner of the street, basement, abandoned place, and the buildings where there is a society, it draws the social life of that society. This reason is important because the signs bring the important social-symbolic in order to identify an emblem of society, community, and region, explained by Hult (2009, p.90).

According to Landry and Bourhis (1997, p.23), the function of linguistic landscape is divided into symbolic and informational function. The absence or presence in a symbolic function can affect feelings, and it is also referred to as the representation of ethnic identity. In the informational function, the sign distinguishes the name of the area by giving the name of that place. The informational function is the identity of territory and the word of community, and it is differentiated from other areas that have a different language.

## 2.2 Bilingualism

Bilingualism is the ability of people to speak two languages. People in this time learn bilingualism, by learning one language (regional language) and second language (national language) Weinrich (2000, p.10). When bilingualism has a conversation with a bilingualism group with different backgrounds, they can use code-switching and code-mixing to speak. It is different with multilingualism. Multilingualism is the ability to master more than two languages.

To differentiate bilingualism and multilingualism, Spolsky (1998, p.45) says that bilingual is a people who has some functional ability in the second language, related to the group of speakers. Hamers and Blanc (2000, p.45) define bilingualism as the state of linguistic community in which two languages are in contact with the result that two codes can be used in the same interactions.

People who have bilingual or multilingual phenomena do not have similar language abilities in the language, and it may be exceptional. Multilingualism here typically has varying degrees of command of the different repertoire. It also develops competence in each of the codes in order that they need it. The context-based on language choice, your language choices are part of the social identity you claim for yourself, Wardhaugh (2015, p.95).

## 2.3 Multilingualism

Multilingual information allows people to find out the meaning by reading one language. Oard (1997, p.55) says that multilingual information is a selection document that contains several languages that may be useful. While Lee, Kageura, and Choi (2004, p.1) defines another function refers to the capability for users to



## **2.5 Characteristics of Sign**

The study of the linguistic landscape is particularly interesting in bilingual and multilingual contexts. The linguistic landscape sign, especially in bilingual and multilingual can provide information about the sociolinguistic context, and the use of the different languages in language signs can be compared to the official policy of the region and to the use of the language as reported in surveys (Cenoz & Gorter, 2006, p.74-77). Therefore, the sign characteristic is more focused on bilingual and multilingual because it can provide information about the linguistic landscape and sociolinguistic context.

Cenoz & Gorter (2006, p.74-77) stated that the way the languages are displayed vis-a-vis each other will give us further information on the relative importance given to each language, we will first look at the first language on the sign, then the size of the lettering of the language and finally the fonts of the letters used. To define the characteristics of the bilingual and multilingual sign, Cenoz & Gorter (2006, p.74-77) give some indicators to help the researcher having a better understanding. The indicators are as follow:

### **2.5.1 First Language in Bilingual and Multilingual Sign**

The first characteristic of the signs analyzed is the order of languages in the bilingual or multilingual signs. The function is to find out the language that first appeared, which is usually found above or in the corner of the sign.









### **2.7.2 Kya-kya District**

Chinatown of Surabaya usually known as Kembang Jepun. Kembang Jepun becomes a central trading area of Surabaya in around the '90s. It still becomes a trading area, even though not the central trading area anymore. Actually, Kembang Jepun has a long history of why this district is becoming a multi-cultural place. In the outline, Kembang Jepun was a place where the Chinese were obeying the Dutch policy. So, they were built their own places known as Kembang Jepun or Kya-kya of Surabaya ([idntimes.com](http://idntimes.com)).

### **2.7.3 Pakuwon District**

The Pakuwon City of Surabaya is the biggest independent and self-sufficient district in Surabaya. Located on the eastern coast of Surabaya, this district occupying an area of 600 hectares. With a population of 20.000 residents. Since it was built on the eastern coast in Surabaya, Pakuwon City inhabited with the most Chinese ethnic who comes to work on their business. The city government also set this district as one of the biggest multi-ethnic district-based living areas in Surabaya. It blends with Javanese ethnic when Pakuwon City was built ([pakuwonresidential.com](http://pakuwonresidential.com)).















Bilingual and multilingual signs were analyzed to get the five characteristics of the sign, by looking for the first language used on the sign, the larger size of text, font of the text, amount of information on the sign, and translation. The result was presented in the form of a table, and it showed the amount of the characteristics. This analysis was important because it gave further information on the relative importance given to each language (Cenoz & Gorter, 2006, p.74). This analysis also reached second research objectives about the characteristics of the sign.

### **3.5.3 Analysing the Reason for Using Those Languages**

The last objectives were to conclude the reason for using those of languages in one district. The interview transcript, which had been underlined, was used to answer this problem. The answer from interviewees was divided into two different kinds of answers, such as the reason for using languages in top-down also bottom-up signs. By using the prove from interviewees, the researcher could conclude the reason for using those languages. These answers explained various reasons for why using those kinds of language on the sign. This analysis answered the third research question.



first classifies and counts the amount of between bilingual and multilingual sign according to Richard Tucker's (1998, p.3-15) theory. Then started to determine the characteristics of sign in each district based on Cenoz & Gorter (2006, p.74-77) theory. By giving the characteristics of sign, it shows the informational and symbolic function of the sign which accordance with Landry & Bourhis' (1997, p.25-29) theory. So, this analysis gives a clear explanation of the characteristics between three districts and reaches the second research objective.

The last point is the reason for using those languages on a sign. The researcher differentiates the reason for using language in top-down and bottom-up signs because it shows different reason. The researcher quotes from the transcript to prove the reason for using those languages. There is also the background of why the language is spreading at that place. The statement is sufficiently verified by the interviews, so there is a strong reason for using many languages on a sign also how that language can be spread. This part reaches the third research objective also gives the reader explanation of the background of language at that place.

#### **4.1.1 Dominant Language**

The researcher already collects and counts the data. It shows the dominant language in each district from Ampel, Kya-kya, and Pakuwon district. The data is presented in the form of a table in the sub-point of findings.

































From the three districts above, it can be concluded that the dominant language used is different. Ampel and kya-kya in Indonesian, while Pakuwon in English. The language also has an important role in the identity of a place itself. Like Indonesian-Arabic in ampel which shows *Kampung Indonesia Arab*, Indonesia-English in Kya-kya also Pakuwon which shows international standards.

Therefore, the characteristics of the sign are very important to know the importance of language on sign, also to know the informational and symbolic functions of the sign (Landry & Bourhis, 1997, p.25-29). The next sub-chapter explains the characteristics of bilingual and multilingual signs in each district using the theory of Cenoz & Gorter (2006, p.74-77).

#### **4.1.2 The Characteristics of Signs**

This point analyzes the characteristics of bilingual and multilingual signs in each multi-ethnic district. Cenoz and Gorter (2006, p.74) states that the characteristic of the sign will provide further information on the relative importance given to each language. This characteristic is divided into several types such as the first language on sign, size of the text, type of the font, amount of information, and translation. The result shows different characteristic of signs from three multi-ethnic districts.

##### **4.1.2.1 Ampel District**

The Ampel district is famous for a mix of Middle Eastern and Indonesian cultures, so it is called the *Kampung Indonesia Arab*. The characteristics of















































Based on Pardi's answer about the background of the language, he explains that there is no history behind it. Pardi says that the Governmental Tourism is only adjusting people who come to the Tomb of Sunan Ampel. The researcher concludes that the multilingual language used in Ampel, which is built by the Governmental Tourism, is to adjust the people who come to Ampel because the Ampel area is a tourism place, and there are a lot of foreigners. For example, the tourist from England, they must be able to read the English language, not the other languages they do not understand. The Governmental Tourism uses that language on sign based on the country of foreigners come from. These statements are also proved from Pardi's answer about foreigners who come in Ampel.

*Yang datang kesini bukan orang Jawa, bukan orang Indonesia saja, yang datang kesini tuh Internasional, seluruh dunia, jadi dari seluruh lapisan masyarakat yang ada di bumi.<sup>1</sup>*

People who came here is not only Indonesian but also in International scale, from every kinds of society on earth.<sup>1</sup>

Pardi says that there are also foreigners from different countries who come to Ampel, not only Indonesian. So, the use of languages around the Tomb of Sunan Ampel, which located in Ampel Masjid street, is to adjust the people who come. The sign uses more than 3 languages, so foreigners can read the language they used.

















From the interviews above, Erwien as the shop owner, explains the other shop which using the English language. He states that the English language is used in most of the shopping area. The reason simply and solely is to look professional and classy. By using English, they can approach many customers from many kinds of society, not Indonesian only but foreigners. Therefore, Indonesian-English has a similar reason why those languages are used on the sign. It fits every customer who comes to their store from many kinds of society.

#### **4.2 Discussion**

This study is conducted in three multi-ethnic districts of Surabaya. Each district chooses because it represents multi-ethnicity, which causes many ideologies, cultures, and languages used in one district. Ampel, Kya-kya, and Pakuwon district are the symbols of multi-ethnicity district, Ampel is one of the biggest religious and tourism areas, and Kya-kya is one of the biggest cultural heritage of Surabaya, while Pakuwon City is one of the biggest international standard real estates. There are three research objectives that are explained below. The first is to show the dominant language used in each district, the second is to describe characteristics of sign in each district, and the last is to give an explanation of the reason for using those languages in one district. Besides, the data which has been presented in this chapter is related to these research objectives.

The results of this study cover the lack of previous studies. The researcher covers the lack of previous researchers by getting data from many places in a multi-ethnic district. This is done to get concrete results about the majority and minority languages. In



addition, the researcher also covers the lack of research by Cenoz & Gorter (2006) to use interview methods to obtain valid data, which is used to explain the reason for using those languages. The explanation given is also very detailed in this study, which was not possessed by previous studies. One slight lack in this study is that the researcher cannot focus on one multi-ethnic district only, making this research not in-depth in one place.

The first place is Ampel district, located in northern Surabaya, which is inhabited by many ethnics. There are 17 languages, including monolingual, bilingual, and multilingual, which appears in KHM Mansyur, Ampel masjid, and Sasak streets. Indonesian language is the majority language used in Ampel, as many as 82 signs using Indonesian have been found. The use of Indonesian is spread, not only in shops but also from public buildings such as places of worship, religious places, and schools. There are 54 signs that are used in shops, or bottom-up signs, while the remaining 28 signs are in public places or top-down signs.

The sign characteristics on the Ampel itself are a bit unique even though the number that stands out is Indonesian. Arabic always follows the number of Indonesian, this makes Arabic a language that is also prominent in Ampel. many cases show the use of sign with large font size have almost the same number both in Indonesian and Arabic. This is because most Arabic is used as the name of the shop, which is the emphasis of the sign, as can be seen in figure 4.15. The second case is the use of different font types used in one sign. The font used represents the place, can be seen in figures 4.16 and 4.17. These characteristics of sign are mostly found in Ampel.

According to those results, the cause of using many kinds of languages is because there are many ethnicities inhabited one place. So, Ampel has many

languages according to their ethnicity, such as; Indonesian, Indonesian-Arabic, English-Indonesian-Arabic, Arabic, etc. The reason that is caused by Indonesian and Indonesian-Arabic is dominating because Indonesian and Arab want to show their own identity, that they are living in harmony, makes Ampel become *Kampung Indonesia-Arab*, which their language combines into one. This can be seen because the characteristics of Indonesian and Arabic are almost the same. Another reason, those language is also used to adjust the people who comes to Ampel.

In the second place, there is Kya-kya, called Chinatown of Surabaya. There are 209 signs found in Kya-kya, which is included 14 different language combinations that are used on the sign. 52.15% is fulfilled with the Indonesian language, followed by Indonesian-English as bilingual about 21.05% and Chinese-English-Indonesian about 4.78%. From 52.15% Indonesian, the use is divided into 32 top-down sign and 77 bottom-up signs. The number of top-down is quite a lot because in Kya-kya itself has many cultural heritage buildings which have been established by the Surabaya City Government. On the other hand, Indonesian is also often used in bottom-up sign because there are a lot of private business, or called as *Usaha Dagang*. *Usaha Dagang* is placed in every street of Kya-kya, and this causes Kya-kya to become the center of the trading area in Surabaya.

Although Kya-kya is known as the Chinatown of Surabaya, the use of Chinese here is very little, there are no prominent characteristics, different from English. English has a slightly prominent characteristic, following Indonesian.

English is also often used in private business in Kya-kya as the first language, for example in Figure 4.26. Although the combination of English and Indonesian is very often used here, only a few use translations, the rest do not use them. This is because the use of English and Indonesian is only used for code-mixing only, as in figure 4.8. These characteristics are prominent in the use of Indonesian-English in Kya-kya.

The Indonesian language is mostly used in a bottom-up sign. It is about 77 signs, which is used only in the Indonesian language. There is a reason for using that language. The researcher concludes, most of the shop owners are naming their store, which is related to blessing and majesty, for example CV Grand Anugerah, CV Tata Anugerah Suksesindo, CV Tri Jaya, UD Surya Indah etc. By naming their business related to blessing or majesty, they hope to get a blessing and abundant fortune, not only using Indonesian to make the reader understand the meaning easily, for example see Figure 4.25. On the other hand, according to the interviews (See appendix), the use of English is to facilitate the communication between Indonesian and Chinese.

In the last district, there are Pakuwon district, international standard real estate, which inhabited by 20.000 residents, has 153 signs which appear in this place. The most used language is an English language, about 37.25%, followed by Indonesian-English about 26.79%. English is mostly used in shop sign and private business in Pakuwon district, while the Indonesian language is rarely used. English usage here is divided into 52 bottom-up and 5 top-down. In bottom-up sign, there are lot of private business sign which uses English as the main

language, for example see Figure 4.9. While in top-down sign, English is used in the top-down sign which is mostly built by the Pakuwon group itself, see Figure 4.10. In top-down sign in Pakuwon district, Pakuwon Group gives a command in indirect ways for the conducive situation at Pakuwon, and this is the best way to give advice.

In the characteristics of the Pakuwon district, although the use of English is very dominant here, the use of Indonesian is also considered. As an example, in the delivery of existing information. In many bilingual or multilingual signs, Indonesian is used to convey information, not only in English, see Table 4.20. Another prominent characteristic is the use of Indonesian as the first language, besides English, see figure 4.29. Indonesian also has the same characteristics as English regarding the size of the text used, see Table 4.18. In the case of Pakuwon, although the use of English is dominant here, the use of Indonesian is also considered in bilingual and multilingual signs.

The sign in Pakuwon district is dominated by the English language and followed by Indonesian-English. Pakuwon district has much private business or office, which is different from an ordinary shop that sells stuff, but still, there is more shop in Pakuwon district. Shop owner uses English because they make their shop looks professional, and it can reach any kind of customers (See appendix). On the other hand, English language is also used to follow international standardization of real estate, for example in naming the place such as Long Beach, East Coast, San Antonio, San Diego, etc.







individual preferences. The researcher also uses Cenoz & Gorter's (2006, p.74-77) theory about characteristics of sign also Richard Tucker's (1998, p.3-15) theory to reach second research objectives.

The objectives of the research have been reached. There are many similarities in terms of the dominant language used. However, the differences are very striking and concerning. These results are obtained from the deep analysis, and the data is proven by the photograph and interview transcript. In the end, the results of this study are compared with people ethnicity from each district in order to know the effect of ethnicity with the language used.

First of all, the researcher finds many languages in those three districts. Ampel district has total 227 signs with 36.12% Indonesian dominating, Kya-kya district has total 209 signs with 52.15% Indonesian dominating, and Pakuwon district has total 153 signs with 37.25% English dominating. The results show that the majority of languages used in each district are different. the use of the language is also used in different sign types. In the Ampel district, Indonesian is used in 28 top-down and 54 bottom-up signs, in Kya-kya, Indonesian is used in 32 top-down signs and 77 bottom-up signs, while in Pakuwon, English is used in the top 5 -down and 52 bottom-up signs.

According to the result above, ethnicity do not have much impact on language use here. It can be seen in the district of Ampel, the people of Arabs themselves is 59.68% based on the population data of the Ampel sub-district in 2017. Even though half the people of Ampel is Arabs, the use of Arabic is actually a little, while Indonesian is the majority language here. But the use of



Arabic is always combined with Indonesian. 22.02% Indonesian-Arabic is used here. This shows that although Arabic as a monolingual language is rarely used, they prefer to use Arabic with Indonesian, showing their identity as *Kampung Indonesia-Arab*.

The second district is Kya-kya, a district known as the Chinatown of Surabaya City. In this district Javanese, Arabic, and Chinese which is divided into hokkian, hakka, teo-chiu, kwang-fu, etc can be found (Volkstelling, 1930, p.90-93). The use of Chinese language used to be very massive because in 1920-1940 Chinese ethnic groups increased (Volkstelling, 1930, p.90-93). In the 20th century, the use of the Chinese language decreased due to the large number of ethnic Chinese who were already successful in trading and they were moved to other locations (Arman Dzidzovic, 2017). In the end, many Javanese and Madurese came to trade, which eventually reduced the use of Chinese in the Kya-kya and increased the use of Indonesian language as proven in this research.

Third is the Pakuwon district, this district is inhabited by more than 40,000 residents with various ethnicities, one of which is the majority of Chinese. English is the language that is often used here, both at the top-down and bottom-up sign. Pakuwon group itself establishes what is called global or international standardization, global standardization itself is a marketing technique that is used on an international scale (A. Madar & A.N Neacsu, 2010, P.1). Therefore, English is chosen in this district following the global standardization, both in top-down and bottom-up sign rather than Indonesian.

On the sign characteristics, the researcher uses Cenoz & Gorter's (2006, p.74-77) theory. The researcher finds almost the same results in all districts. Indonesian is a language whose characteristics stand out in bilingual sign and multilingual sign. In the case of Ampel, the characteristic that stands out after Indonesian is Arabic, the numbers also follow the number of Indonesian. In this case, the researcher concludes that there are symbolic functions, (Landry & Bourhis, 1997, P.27-29) see also Ben-Rafael et al. (2001) in the Ampel district. The use of Indonesian and Arabic has a strong symbolic function, as they use Indonesian and Arabic as the identity of the Ampel district. While in the Kya-kya and Pakuwon districts, the characteristics of Indonesian and English are equally prominent. Both languages have the same function. Using English can be considered more prestigious and modern than using local languages (Cenoz & Gorter, 2006, p.79) (Landry & Bourhis, 1997, p.27-29), see also Piller (2001, p.153-186) and Piller (2003, p.170-183).

Every district has a reason to use that language. In the Ampel district, the language contained in the tourism area is used to adjust the language of the tourist. As for the Indonesian-Arabic language used to indicate the identity of *Kampung Indonesia Arab*, the language is also used to represent the shop. Whereas in Kya-kya, Indonesian is used so that local people understand, besides that Indonesian is mostly used to give blessings to the shops of traders. As for the English language used is to facilitate Chinese and Indonesian communication. While English in Pakuwon is used to follow global standardization and to make it look more prestigious.





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