Background of Marriage and Harmony between the Balinese and The Chinese

Within the Desa Pakraman in Bali

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Abstract

Chinese and Balinese are two different ethnicities. They also have marriage preferences, because they belong to different social grouping. Although they have their own social groups, cross-marriages, i.e. Chinese and balinesa have taken place in Bali. There are many Chinese people become the members of desa pakraman which is as sign (or features of identity) on the Balinese people. It can be assumed that integrated relation of both ethnic groups are based on ethnic stereotypes, i.e. subjective overview about ethnicity. This article will discuss the stereotypes of both ethnic groups with regard to the context of cross-marriage and the togetherness of both of the two different ethics in the desa pakraman in Bali. The results of the analyses indicate that ethnic stereotypes to cross-marriage and togetherness of Balinese and Chinese Desa Pakraman include subjective overview indicating same signs (features) that each ethnic group has. Those features are physique (beautiful, handsome), economic aspect, attitude, and social behavior. In choosing a future husband or wife, either physical orientations are not the same, values of other aspects (economy, religion, and attitude) are used as other consideration so that cross-marriage of two different ethnics were taken place. It is have certain reasons to note that especially in the togetherness as part of traditions that were inherited from their ancestors. They thought that although they belong to different ethnicities, they still feel that they belong to a ‘family’. Apart from that, the Balinese, on one hand, exploit the desa pakraman

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