

## Bahasa rejang di Kabupaten Rejang Lebong: sebuah kajian geografi dialek = Rejang language in Kabupaten Rejang Lebong: A study of dialect geography

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### Abstrak

*This research is a study of dialect geography of Rejang language in Kabupaten Rejang Lebong. The research aims to describe the differentiation of the language among the a various areas. The research is implemented on 32 villages (desa), that are 6 villages in Kecamatan Lebong Utara (north Lebong), 7 villages in Kecamatan Lebong Selatan (south Lebong), 9 villages in Kecamatan Curup, and 10 villages in Kecamatan Kepahyang.*

The data is 400 basic vocabulary (100 of them adopted from Morris Swadesh), collected by means of direct method that is the face-to-face contact of investigator and informant in an interview normally conducted.

The result of the research shows as follows

- (1) According to bundles of isogloss, Rejang language in Kabupaten Rejang Lebong divided into 3 dialectical areas namely Lebong dialect, Musi dialect, and Keban Agung dialect. The area of Lebong dialect encompass the villages in the Kecamatan Lebong Utara (north Lebong) and Lebong Selatan {south Lebong), and that of Husi dialect encompass the villages in the Kecamatan Cu-rap and some villages in the northern of Kecamatan Kepahyang. The area of Keban Agung dialect encompasses the villages in southwestern of Kecamatan Kepahyang.
- (2) Dialect metrical analysis show that Lebong toward Husi is a sub dialect, while Musi toward Keban Agung is a dialect.
- (3) There is a consistent differentiation of phone among Lebong dialect, Musi dialect, and Keban Agung dialect.