

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.