

# INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN INDONESIAN STUDENTS AND AMERICAN SOCIETY( Study on adaptation of Summer Job and Travel students at the year of 2005 with American culture )

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## ABSTRACT

Intercultural communication refers to communication between people from one culture and those who have belief, value, and the way people behavior in different culture. When the Summer Job and Travel students lived in new environment then they will realized that signs of habit and response in day life are very different. The differences it caused that the Summer Job and Travel students felt nervous then they passed a culture shock. In this case, the Summer Job and Travel students during stayed in United State need an adaptation to get good relationship between self and environment.

The research problem are what is the steps of interpersonal relationship experienced by the Summer Job and Travel students with American society, how far is the depth and breadth of information received by the Summer Job and Travel students with American society, and how do the Summer Job and Travel students adapt with American culture.

Method of the research is qualitative descriptive, and the researcher took five students to be interviewed by using purposive sampling. In this research, researcher used data collection technique such as interview and documenter to let the researcher know about adaptation experiences and knowledge of the informants. Then data analysis technique that used is triangulation technique.

Based on the result of analysis the intercultural communication experienced by the Summer Job and Travel students with American society can be conclude that : in intercultural communication context, there interpersonal relationship between the Summer Job and Travel students with American, even there are differences culture during interaction but the fact they are not into dissolution step. In addition, the depth and breadth of information received between the Summer Job and Travel students with American society affected by personality of student, which is the students who is easy going, will do self-disclosure. The topic that usually talked only in certain topics such as day life, family, job and hobbies but they did not deal with private topics. There are the efforts of the Summer Job and Travel students to adapt with American culture such as American style, the way American thinking, work efficiency and the food can loose of tensions to run their life in context of culture differences. All the intercultural experiences could make them to develop their self when they face the Americans and to enrich their knowledge about American culture itself.