

## 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 groupings. Although they have their own social groups, cross-marriages, i.e. Chinese and Balinese have taken place in Bali. There are many Chinese people who become the members of desa pakraman which is a sign (or features of identity) on the Balinese people. It can be assumed that the 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 ethnicities 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 physical (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 considerations so that cross-marriage of two different ethnicities were taken place. It is important 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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