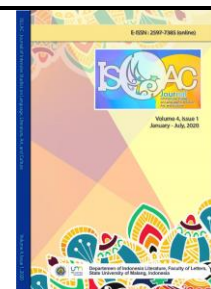


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### LIFE EXPERIENCE OF THE FOUR OLD MEN RITUAL SPEECH OF TRADITIONAL BRIDE AND GROOM CEREMONY

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#### ABSTRACT

The purposes of this study are to know the meaning and function of the ritual speech of traditional bride and groom ceremony, to identify the value of culture, education, religion moral and justice of ritual speech, to analyze and describe the ritual speech within positive and negative impacts of bride and groom. This study Phenomenological study through in-depth interview with the four informants' life experience, in Seloi, Aileu. The Ritual Speech is one of the local wisdom. The function of the ritual speech is celebrated for living together between the bride and groom to become a new family in peace and love. The ritual speech has a value of culture, education, religion moral and justice. The result shows two impacts: positive if it brings family wellbeing. The negative impact if ritual speech is not conducted it brings bad luck for the family. Therefore, the ritual speech needs to preserve and to develop as the traditional law. Ritual Speech of traditional bride and groom ceremony needs to consider as subject local content of the school curriculum.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Cultural is the identity of a nation that has the characteristics and knowledge of a particular group of people, composing of language, religion, cuisine, social habits, music and art which distinguish one society. The culture and customs are the centers of the social order in Timor-Leste communities. Longtime ago, in Timor-Leste up to now, the majority of Timorese's belief links with the power of the universe is considered as the value of religion. Therefore, culture means the entire way of a social life that consists of all the shared products of giving society with its values, knowledge, and norms.

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Rocher (2014) expressed his point of view that culture is a system of behaviors and modes that depends on unconsciousness and connection of ideas, feelings accepted by the majority of people in a society. Robertson, (1989) has a similar idea with above that culture includes both conscious and unconscious values, attitudes and symbols that shape transmitted from one generation to the next generations. Without a culture transmitted from the past, each new generation has to solve the most basic problems of human existence over again.

On the other hand, culture is the part of literature which is a term used to describe written and spoken material to represent the culture and tradition of a language or a people. Roohul, (1999) and Amini (2004) linked that the literature and culture have multifarious meaning as an identity of a nation and country that may vary for various reason, in common as the human-made part of human environment and it is the sum of total knowledge beliefs art, morals, laws, and customs.

Brooks (2000) stated literature and culture are two cases that are linked because literature is artistic regard of writing which includes such as drama, story, and poetry. Literature and culture are linked because literature is included; as theatre and character of people, and for the culture is talking about improving the learning of the ritual ceremony of bride and groom in Aileu of Selo village.

Zimmermann, (2012) also agreed that the literature and culture are sharing the rules and patterns of behavior that shape our lives as a social relationship that exists from one generation to another generation. And also culture and literature are things that make social life is possible. Another side, literature is a tool for communication that has an important role in the traditional living community.

Mark, (2009) explains that literature (from the Latin 'Litter' meaning "letters, and referring to an acquaintance with the written word) is the written work of a specific culture, subculture, religion, philosophy or the study of such written work which may appear in poetry or in prose. Literature represents the culture and tradition of a language or a people and also widened to expand a ritual speech of bride and groom in East Timor special in Aileu district parts of Selo village.

Stein, (1999) argued that literature is an application to word human creation which encompasses arts, such as painting, dancing, singing, decorations views archive and all human creation. He adds that Literature is a part of a culture that is considered is a norm of life to regulate and govern the acts of people in order to live as a principle of a human being in a society.

The Ritual Speech of Traditional Bride (umane) and Groom (mane-foun) Ceremony is one of the local cultures that had been considered as the local wisdom to be well-preserved and developed it by the particular group of people in Aileu especially as the identity of Selo village.

Local wisdom can be understood as natural knowledge of local people or local principles. This local tradition is a norm that governs the action of people whose attitudes and personalities are mature to be able to develop local potentials and making changes towards the better in the community. In other words, local wisdom is a traditional culture that is inherited by the ancestors and utilized to organize the people's lives or to regulate the life of the community based on the doctrine.

As stated above, the ritual speech is as an oral traditional culture to be celebrated by both families of the bride and groom to hand over in order to live together as one family. Mbete (2008) also adds that the ritual is a series of activities that are bound to certain rules, such as those relating to customs within the culture.

The bride and groom are both processing as the social performance of cultures that progress from the most primitive stages of society. The traditional bride and groom ceremony is normally celebrated as a farewell party to say good-bye before handing over the bride (*feto-foun*) to the family of the groom (*mane-foun*).

Furthermore, the family of the groom welcomes the bride by expressing their feeling/belief through the ritual speech or message which is intended to emphasize that can unite to live together as a marriage to be more harmonious of a new family. The act of marriage has traditionally profoundly affected individuals, families, communities and even nations since the joining of a couple links both them and their families and implicitly those around them. Westermarck, (1936) argued that marriage as a social institution and defined it in terms of relationships being recognized by custom or law. He also added that the institution of marriage has most probably developed out of a primitive habit for a man and a woman, or several women, to live together, to have sexual relations with each other, and to rear their offspring in common. This habit was sanctioned by custom, and afterward by law, and thus, transformed into a social institution.

This is why the ritual speech of both bride and groom families is to promise their stable natural regulation and there is the spiritual influence for positive reinforcement to continue their mission as a new couple during the living long together. It is meant that no one will do them apart, only death will do them apart. Through the oral ritual speech, the bride and groom must have been officially recognized as a marriage ceremony by the local traditional authorities, families, and community.

As in the Bible, a book of Malachi determines that marriage is a holy covenant made by God and as in the book of Matthew who determines when a man marries he leaves his parents and forms a new family with his wife. Matthew (19:4-6), declares that marriage a lifelong commitment that cannot be dissolved except by the death of a partner according to Christian beliefs.

Thus, the process of the traditional marriage ceremony is first started to knock the door '*tuku odamatan*' and invite all the families or relatives to discuss the dowry '*Barlake*'. It is one of the cultural value which means to regulate the indigenous people of Aileu especially, in Selo village how to live as a family with a strong relationship with each other. This is why the value of culture needs to be preserved and developed for the next generation because it is being considered as a local genius/wisdom to be guaranteed by the indigenous people in Aileu. Aside from that, it is one of the principles which a norm to govern the action and attitude of local people to serve and respect each other to build a strong family within peace and love which is never ended.

Timor-Leste has thirteen districts with various types of cultures with its own uniqueness of culture that is the way people have to recognize their own background of lifestyle. Ritual speech of traditional bride and groom is one of the ceremonial action which is performed with ritual significance to honor and acknowledge that can be formal, informal, and casual, elaborate, simple, spontaneous, religious, and sacred or healing based on the local believing

Based on the phenomenological, when we observe the daily activities of communities at work or in the continuation of ritual culture, it can be said that people of Timor-Leste have a great deal of local knowledge. Aileu is one of the municipalities in Timor-Leste which is located in the Southern part of Dili city. It is a cold region and a wonderful place that is well known as the concentrated zone for the resistance group during the Indonesian colonial era. The name of *Aileu*, literally meaning derived from a

*tree* which is two words of *Mambae* dialect". *Aiya* means *tree* and *leu* means *intertwined* itself; Therefore, *Aileu* is defined as a tree that is intertwined itself.

In Timor Leste, indigenous customary practices that surround marriage and relations between the families or clans of the bride and groom are called dowry '*barlake*' (pronounced "baar-lake"). The bride is a woman just married or just about to be married. And the groom is the male version of a bride, who is just married or just about to be married.

The word bridegroom derived from the old English-*brydguma* which is composed between the *bryd* ("bride") and *guma* ("man"). The word bridegroom appears in the bible of both new and Old Testament that carries the same meaning as the husband of the bride. So, the traditional ceremony of ritual speech for the bride and groom as a cultural and church also knows that our culture can relate to God and nature.

This study of cultural value is the most important to learn and know deeply the profound meaning as the philosophical aspect in every local genius to be conserved and developed from every generation. The effect of it is now influencing people's life as morality and human dignity to be adjusted to make a strong relationship among the people, husband, and wife based on the doctrine of religious value. It can become the principle of the human relationship to guide us to live in love and peace permanently only the death do us part.

It is sometimes used to prevent and solve domestic violence as the broken home or believing it as the doctrine not to harass the people's lives but though the traditional ceremony could create the self-awareness of long life peaceful relationships between wife and husband. On the other hand, It is also used to educate the young generation to build peace for the welfare family and prosperity in the community or nation.

Today, the culture becomes the traditional law of life that brings a positive impact to the socio-economy problems. It is a natural principle to be maintained as a norm to govern the action in order to serve each other in society. Therefore, the culture must be studied deeply about the properties of a phenomenon in order to perform the interpretation of social phenomena to be adjusted with the modern life of human beings.

## **METHOD**

The study used phenomenological research which utilizes a qualitative method to investigate the meaning, function. And its value of culture, Religion Moral, Education, Justice in terms of Ritual Speech of the traditional bride and groom ceremony obtained from in-depth interviewed by the Four Informants as the storytellers.

The qualitative approach is used to perform the interpretation of social phenomena which was conducted with the Phenomenological Research in the district of Aileu especially in Selo village. As Creswell states that phenomenological research is a qualitative method which is to identify the essence of human living experience about the phenomenon described by the informants of a study.

Abadingo, Mangubat and Rebuilda (1993), say that research design is the specific format and procedures from data collection and analyses. Likewise, as the. Collins, (1982) more clarifies that research design is a systematic investigation to establish a fact or collect information. The method that employs in the research is descriptive because the writer analyzes the data and the presentation of the result was in the form of an explanation of words that would be supported by translation data and reflection. About

this, Suryana & Satriadi, (2014) affirms that the descriptive method focuses to make description systematically and accurately based on facts about a certain object.

Based on those objectives, the writer presents the step and procedures of the research to conduct this research by starting from the collection data up to analyzing it.

### Informants of the Study

Table 1 total population:

Nu	Sub-villages	Sexes		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Malere	350	342	692
2	Maurusu	292	259	551
3	Hularema	294	336	630
4	Cotabauro	360	217	577
5	Kabafatin	130	150	280
6	Taratihi	185	178	363
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1611</b>	<b>1482</b>	<b>3093</b>

The informants of this study are the four (4) Senior and traditional leaders of Selo village. Selo consists of the following six (6) sub-villages as table 1 displayed. The total population of Selo village in Aileu district is **3093** persons were represented by four (4) old men as the storytellers and they are the indigenous people of Aileu district in Selo village and the age of each informant is 62 years old above. Each of them answered the questions about using Ritual Speech of Traditional Bride and Groom ceremony were in-depth interviewed by the researcher based on the real Lived Experience in the Selo village society.

This is why the four narrators of Selo village in Aileu district are selected become the informants of the study. They were born as the indigenous people and they have lived experience about the Ritual Speech of Traditional Bride and Groom Ceremony in the district of Aileu especially in Selo village.

### The instrument of the Study

The instrument of this study was interviewing by using questions and answers based on the living experience of four old men as the storytellers of using the Ritual Speech of Traditional Bride and Groom Ceremony. They normally perform in the event of the bride and groom ceremony in Selo village. The researcher prepared the five (5) questions about using Ritual Speech of the Traditional Bride and Groom Ceremony and to interview the four old men of the Selo village with the Vernacular or Mambae dialect which is translated into the target language.

During the process of interviewing, the researcher used the camera for interviewing and take note or paper record of information from the four old men which the following steps of interviewing such as (1) each of four old men were asked to tell the Ritual Speech of the bride and groom ceremony. (2) each of them was interviewed with the 5 questions to be answered based on their own living experience in Mambae dialect about the ritual speech of the bride and groom ceremony. (3) the result of the interviewing was analyzed and described through the reflection study which has been mentioned as in the objective of the study. The result of questions and answers with the Mambae dialect was translated into the target language of English

### **In-depth Interview: Five (5) Questions and Answers**

- a. When did the ritual speech of the bridegroom begin?
- b. Why and what is the function of the bridegroom?
- c. If we do not do the ritual ceremony about the bridegroom, what is impacts the life of the people of Aileu?
- d. If we do the ritual ceremony of bridegroom routinely, what is the benefits for their everyday life?
- e. Are the value of ritual ceremony of the bridegroom that relates to

After the result of the interview from the informants were obtained and gathered, it was reflected and analyzed based on the following steps;

#### **Reflection One**

Every informant's answer to his vernacular language of Mambae dialect was written in the form of the first narrative.

#### **Reflection Two**

Then, the first narrative of the local vernacular of Mambae was translated into the target language of English as the second narrative.

#### **Narrative Writing**

After translation, the writer reflected all the answers were analyzed the meaning and functions of Ritual Speech of Traditional Bride and Groom Ceremony as the third narrative. And then to find out from each of four informants' interview that corresponds with the every following objective of the study;

1. The function and meaning of Ritual Speech of Traditional Bride and Groom Ceremony.

The third narrative writing was analyzed to find out the *function* and *meaning* of the Ritual Speech of Traditional Bride and Groom Ceremony.

2. Describe the Positive and Negative impact of the traditional Bride and Groom Ceremony to the life of people in Aileu district of Selo village.

The content of the third narrative was reflected to describe the positive and negative impacts of the Ritual Speech of Traditional Bride and Groom ceremony.

3. Identify the value of *Culture, Education, religion and Moral and Justice*.

From the third narrative writing, the writer identified the value of culture, religion moral, education, and justice of Ritual Speech.

#### **Interpretation**

1. The content of those narrative writing from every four informants was analyzed and interpreted as the final result.

### **FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

#### **1. The Field Research of Ritual Speech of the Bride and Groom Ceremony.**

Ritual Speech of Traditional Bride and Groom Ceremony has conducted a study with four the informants who were interviewed with the questions about using Ritual Speech based on their lived experience. It was started to celebrate for the bridegroom since the ancestors of the pre-history period.

The Aileu district of Selo village has six sub-villages such as; *Malere, Maurusa, Hularema, Cotabauro, Kabasfatin and Taratih*. The total female is 161 and the male is 1482. The total population is 3093. However, four informants were represented to be



interviewed. They are all around 63 years old above whose knowledge and experience of life in terms of using Ritual Speech of traditional bride and groom ceremony.

The Aileu district of Seloï village is located in the south part of Dili as the capital of City in Timor Leste. The bordering of the East part is Manatuto district and the western part is with the district of Ermera and Liquiça. The natural resources of Aileu in Seloï village are coffee, coconut, corn and other fruits and vegetables. The majority of the population is working as agricultures and traditional commerce in the local market. The Aileu district is the homeland of the first president of Timor Leste who proclaimed independence on 28 December 1975 by Mr. Francisco Xavier do Amaral.

### **Reflection (Translation from Mamba'e dialect into English)**

The answers of the four informants about the Ritual speech of Traditional Ceremony based on lived experiences to deliver the *bride* to the family of the *groom*; were translated into English as the Target language.

#### **1. Angelos Pinheiro**

*a. Answer:* This traditional marriage ceremony of ritual speech for bridegroom was started by our ancestors a long time ago as the local genius to be well-preserved and adapted by every generation.

*b. Answer:* The function of this traditional marriage ceremony is to create unity, peace and tranquility. It is because to create a strong relationship and preventing the domestic violence as bridegroom living based on the doctrine that was inherited by the ancestors.

*c. Answer:* As based on the local belief that if the traditional ritual marriage ceremony about the bridegroom is not conducted, the couple of marriage would be in danger, not happy and not protected so, they will undergo the disasters or bad luck.

*d. Answer:* if this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom is conducted, the life of the bridegroom would be blessed, comfort and safety. And the bride will have to give birth well and more and more generations will be coming.

*e Answer:* This Ritual Speech Ceremony of Bridegroom is considered as a;

#### ***Value of Culture***

This ritual ceremony could dignify the people and bridegroom as the human being which is different from the other creatures.

#### ***Value of Moral***

Value of Moral because the bridegroom will respect and obey each other at every moment.

#### ***Value of Religion***

It is connected with the value of Religion because through the ceremony of this ritual, they believe that God speaks and blesses their family through the traditional ceremony which they celebrate.

#### ***Value of Education***

It is connected to Education because through the traditional marriage ceremony of the bridegroom both bride and groom are impressed to be educated as a good family and serve each other until their life is ended.

#### ***Value of Justice***

It is a Justice because, through the traditional marriage ceremony, they will consider each other as the same level as a human being, equality gender even different sex but they cannot discriminate each other their life every day.

## 2. Jualião Pinto

- a. **Answer:** This traditional ritual marriage ceremony for the bridegroom had been started since the pre-history time when the people did not know the manuscript yet how to write. And the catholic religion had not arrived yet in Timor Leste. This traditional ceremony was considered as the doctrine to be adjusted in order to make a strong relationship among the families of the bridegroom to live in peace and tranquility.
- b. **Answer:** The function of this traditional marriage ceremony is to make strong relationship among families of the bridegroom to live in peace and tranquility. Because through this traditional ceremony, they will be an ability to guide and bring their family in the right way and Domestic violence could be prevented.
- c. **Answer:** If the traditional ritual marriage ceremony about the bridegroom is not celebrated, the life of a couple of marriage would be in danger, not happy and not secured so, they will undergo the disasters or bad luck or get big risk in their life. Their family would
- d. **Answer:** if this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom is conducted, the life of the bridegroom would be blessed and productive to give birth more and more generations.
- e. **Answer:** this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom has a value of;

### **Value of Culture**

Because of this ritual ceremony is a local genius and it becomes a doctrine to guide the principle of local people to conserve human dignity in order to make different from the other creatures.

### **Value of Moral**

Through this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom, both families would respect and serve each other until their life is ended.

### **Value of Religion.**

By this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom, it will bless and fortune for their life in wealthy.

### **Value of Education.**

This ritual ceremony of the bridegroom would educate them to respect each other like the husband and wife to be a wealthy family and inspired them to do good action in each of their roles in the family.

### **Value of Justice.**

Through this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom, the equality of gender will be considered and prioritized.

## 3. Zakarias Bere

- a. **Answer:** This traditional ritual speech marriage ceremony for the bridegroom was started from the ancestors until nowadays generation, we still keep it going to celebrate the bride and groom party.
- b. **Answer:** The function of this traditional ritual marriage ceremony is to make strong relationship between bridegroom to live in peaceful and only death will do them apart.
- c. **Answer:** If the traditional ritual marriage ceremony about the bridegroom is not celebrated, the life of a couple of marriage would not obey and love each other. They



would be unable to get a new generation and also they stay in the dangerous, not happy and not secured so, they will undergo disasters or bad luck.

**d. Answer:** if this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom is conducted, the life of the the bridegroom would be blessed and productive to be able to get a new generation.

**e. Answer:** this Ritual Speech Traditional ceremony of the bridegroom is considered as a;

#### ***Value of Culture***

This ritual ceremony makes the bride and groom relationship become sacral and dignity.

#### ***Value of Moral***

**a. Answer:** This traditional ritual marriage ceremony for the bridegroom was started from the beginning of the ancestors existed until nowadays generation, we still keep it going to celebrate the bride and groom ceremony.

**b. Answer:** The function of this traditional ritual marriage ceremony is to make strong relationship between bridegroom to live and love in peaceful and only death will do them apart. Because of it, they will be able to prevent their domestics violence.

**c. Answer:** If the traditional ritual marriage ceremony about the bridegroom is not celebrated, the life of a couple of marriages would not be survived. They would be unable to get a new generation.

**d. Answer:** if this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom is conducted, the life of the the bridegroom would be blessed and productive. They will be able to get a new generation. And between the families of the bride and groom would respect and care for each other with unlimited.

**e. Answer:** This ritual ceremony of the bridegroom has a value of;

Because of this ritual ceremony, the new couple married would respect and obey to serve each other in a moment of a good and difficult situation.

#### ***Value of Religion***

Because of this ritual ceremony, their family can be blessed to be a wealthy family and solve the various problems that will be faced together.

#### ***Value of Education.***

Because of this ritual ceremony, they are educated to respect both families of the bridegroom.

#### ***Value of Justice***

Because of this ritual ceremony, they will know each of their roles as a husband and wife to be consistent and having equal rights to serve each other.

### **4. Januario Sarmiento Mendonça**

#### ***Value of Culture***

This traditional marriage ceremony had been celebrated as the doctrine to express both family's belief to guide the bridegroom to sacral families.

#### ***Value of Moral***

Because of this ritual ceremony, they would respect each other and serve both families.

#### ***Value of Religion***

Because of this ritual ceremony, their relationship as the husband and wife will be blessed and survived because they believe that God can bless their

marriage through the every human being tradition that they used to celebrate as their local wisdom.

#### ***Value of Education***

Because of this ritual ceremony, the bridegroom is impressed to do good things in their life during their mission as the husband and wife.

#### ***Value of Justice***

Because of this ritual ceremony, a couple of married can consider each other at the same level inequality gender even different sexes.

#### **4.Narrative Writing**

The result of the in-depth interview from four informants' Lived Experiences of Ritual Speech of the Traditional bride and groom ceremony in Aileu - Selo Village.

##### ***Angelos Pinheiro***

He says that this traditional marriage ceremony of ritual speech for the bridegroom was started by the ancestors a long time ago. It was as the local genius to be well-preserved and adapted by every generation until today.

He also expressed idea based on his lived experience about the function of this traditional marriage ceremony is to create a unity, peace, and tranquility between bride and groom until the life is ended. It is because to create a strong relationship and preventing domestic violence as a family based on the doctrine that was inherited by the ancestors.

As based on the local belief that if the traditional ritual marriage ceremony about the bridegroom is not conducted, the couple of marriage would be in danger, they would not be protected by nature. So, they will undergo the disasters or bad luck.

In other words, If this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom is conducted, the life of the bridegroom would be blessed, comfort and safety and the bride will have to give birth well and more and more generations will be coming.

This ritual speech ceremony of the bridegroom is considered as a value of;

#### ***Value of Culture***

By this ritual, the ceremony could dignify the people and bridegroom as the human being which is different from the other creatures.

#### ***Value of Moral***

It is a Value of Moral because this ritual speech ceremony can be a kind of traditional law in order to guide the bridegroom will respect and obey each other at every moment.

#### ***Value of Religion***

It is connected with the value of Religion because through the ceremony of this ritual, they believe that God speaks and blesses their family through the traditional ceremony which they celebrate.

#### ***Value of Education***

It is connected to the value of Education because through the traditional marriage ceremony of the bridegroom educated them as a good family and serve each other until their life is ended.

#### ***Value of Justice***

It is considered as one of the traditional law which is to regulate them to live well. By the traditional marriage ceremony, they will be guided to consider each other at the same level as human beings, equality gender even different sex but they cannot discriminate against each other their life every day.

### ***Jualião Pinto***

He said that this traditional ritual marriage ceremony for the bridegroom had been started since the pre-history time when the people did not know writing yet. When it was a local genius and their belief to be celebrated while the catholic religion arrived in Timor Leste. This traditional ceremony was considered as the doctrine to be adjusted in order to make a strong relationship among the families of the bridegroom to live in peace and tranquility.

And the function of this traditional marriage ceremony is to make a strong relationship between the families of the bridegroom to live in peace and tranquility. Because through this traditional ceremony, they will be able to guide and bring their family in the right way and Domestic violence could be prevented.

In addition, if the traditional marriage ceremony of ritual speech about the bridegroom is not celebrated, the life of a couple of marriages would be in danger. They would not feel happy and safe. So, they will undergo disasters or bad luck or get a big risk in their life. Their family cannot be survived as husband and wife because one day, they could also be divorced from each other. This ritual ceremony of the bridegroom is conducted, the life of the bridegroom would be blessed and productive to give birth more and more generation.

This ritual ceremony of the bridegroom has a value of;

#### ***Value of Culture***

By this ritual, the ceremony is a local genius and it becomes a doctrine to guide the principle of local people to maintain human dignity in order to make different from the other creatures.

#### ***Value of Moral***

Through this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom, both families would respect and serve each other until their life is ended.

#### ***Value of Religion***

By this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom, it will bless and fortune for their life in wealthy.

#### ***Value of Education***

This ritual ceremony of the bridegroom would educate them to respect each other like the husband and wife. it will support the bridegroom to be a wealthy family and inspired them to do well indeed in each of their roles in the family.

#### ***Value of Justice***

Through this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom, the equality of gender will be considered and prioritized.

#### ***Zakarias Bere***

Based on his experience, this traditional marriage ceremony of ritual speech for the bridegroom was started from the ancestors until nowadays generation, we still keep it going to celebrate the bride and groom party.

The function of this ritual speech for the marriage ceremony is to make strong relationship between bridegroom to live in peaceful and only death will do them apart.

If the ceremony of ritual speech about the bridegroom is not celebrated, the life of a couple of marriage would be affected by a big risk. They will not obey and love each other. They would be unable to get a new generation and also they stay in the dangerous, not happy and not secured so, they will undergo disasters or bad luck.

If this ritual ceremony of the bridegroom is celebrated, the life of the bridegroom would be blessed and productive to be able to get a new generation.

This ritual ceremony of the bridegroom has a value of;

### ***Value of Culture***

This ritual ceremony makes the bride and groom relationship become sacral and dignity.

### ***Value of Moral***

Because of this ritual ceremony, the new couple married would respect and obey each other in order to serve the families. Through the ceremony, they can be united in a moment of a good and difficult situation.

### ***Value of Religion***

Because of this ritual ceremony, their family can be blessed to be a wealthy family and solve the various problems which will be faced to gather.

### ***Value of Education***

Because of this ritual ceremony, they are educated to respect both families of the bridegroom.

### ***Value of Justice***

Because of this ritual ceremony, they will know each of their roles as a husband and wife to be consistent and having equal rights to serve each other.

### ***Januario Sarmiento Mendonça***

Based on his lived experience, this traditional marriage ceremony of ritual speech for the bridegroom was started from the beginning of the ancestors existed until nowadays generation, we still keep it going to celebrate the bride and groom ceremonies.

The function of this traditional ritual speech marriage ceremony by both families from the bride and groom is to make a strong relationship between bridegroom to live and love in peaceful and only death will do them apart which means no one will make them apart. Aside from that, they will be able to prevent their domestic violence.

If the traditional ritual marriage ceremony about the bridegroom is not celebrated, the life of a couple of marriages would not be survived. They would be unable to get a new generation.

If this ritual speech ceremony of the bridegroom is conducted, the life of the bridegroom would be blessed and productive. They will be able to get a new generation. And between the families of the bride and groom would respect and care for each other with unlimited.

This traditional ritual speech ceremony of the bridegroom has a value of;

### ***Value of Culture***

This traditional marriage ceremony had been celebrated as the doctrine to express both families' belief to handover their son and daughter officially to live together in order to become a sacral family.

### ***Value of Moral***

Because of this ritual speech ceremony, they would respect each other and serve both families are a must.

### ***Value of Religion***

Because of this ritual ceremony, their relationship as the husband and wife will be blessed and survived because they believe that God can bless their marriage to become sacral through every human being tradition that they used to celebrate as their local wisdom.

### ***Value of Education***

Because of this ritual ceremony, the bridegroom is impressed to do good things in their life during their mission as the husband and wife. Aside from that, they can make a good relationship with the other families in the society.

### ***Value of Justice***

Because of this ritual ceremony, a couple of married can consider each other as the same level of equality gender even different sexes.

### **5. Interpretation**

Based on the Lived Experience of the four informants as the storytellers, the Ritual Speech of Traditional Bride and Groom Ceremony are analyzed to the following interpretation:

The Traditional Marriage Ceremony of Ritual Speech for the Bridegroom had been considered as the doctrine and local wisdom. This local traditional ceremony was begun by the ancestors in a long time ago of pre-history time when the people did not know writing yet. This local genius needs to be well-preserved and adapted by the life of people of Selo village in Aileu district for every generation up to nowadays.

The people of Selo village in Aileu district believe that the traditional marriage ceremony of ritual speech for bridegroom is one of philosophy and Principle of the local people of Aileu. These ritual speech activities have connecting human with nature or speak with God which is called ***Religion*** and connecting between humans with a human is called ***moral***. So, the human being has differences in terms of language, culture and belief but we belong to God's creatures. It is, of course, God speaks to people through the different human tradition and culture that people are living on.

The positive impact of the ritual speech of the traditional marriage ceremony is to create unity, peace, tranquility and a strong relationship between the bride and groom can prevent domestic violence until in the family. The bridegroom will be blessed to give birth to have more and more generation to come.

If the ritual ceremony is not conducted, the negative impact for a couple of marriage would be affected living in dangerous, they would not be protected by nature. So, they will have to undergo the various types of disasters which will never be expected or bad luck. In other words, this ritual speech ceremony of the bridegroom is a natural law that can empower the conscious of human being which is a uniqueness that indicates the extreme differences with other creatures. So, if we live in it, we believe it. Therefore, the people of Selo village of Aileu district have to maintain, well-preserved, to be developed based on the new era globally alliance.

The value of this ritual speech ceremony of the bridegroom are; 1) ***Value of Culture*** because it could dignify the bridegroom are selected by nature as the total human being become sacral and maintain to influence positively the life of the people in the society. 2) The ***Value of Moral*** because as the traditional law to guide the action of the bridegroom will respect and obey each other survival and not divorce each other until life is ended. 3) There is a ***Value of Religion*** because they believe that God speaks and blesses their family to become welfare and safety to get more and more generations to come through the human traditional ceremony. 4) There is a ***Value of Education*** because this traditional ceremony is manifested to guide the bride and groom as an educated family to serve each other and to do good habits with the other relatives in a particular place based on the natural well-behavior which are differences with the other creatures. 5) There is a ***Value of Justice*** because the ritual speech of traditional ceremony is to regulate the bride and groom to live well as a husband and wife consider each other the same level as a human being without discrimination in terms of equality gender even different sexes.

## CONCLUSION

The lived experience of the four informants as the storytellers through an in-depth interview about the Ritual Speech of Traditional Bride and Groom Ceremony to conclude based on the following objectives of the study;

### **a. Meaning and Function the Ritual Speech for the bride and groom**

Ritual Speech is one of the doctrines and philosophies of the life of people in Aileu district especially in Selo village. The function of the ritual speech is done by the families of the Bride and groom to celebrate for living together as one family in peace and love. The ritual speech encourages them to be able to prevent the domestic violence in the family and also strong relationship becomes husband and wife only death will do them apart. It is as communication with nature to bless them to get more generation.

### **b. The Value of Ritual Speech for the bride and groom has a value of;**

1) **Culture** - as the traditional law to dignify the bridegroom and become a sacral family and maintain to influence positively the life of the people in the society. 2) **Moral** - as a principle to govern the action of the bridegroom can respect and obey each other survival not to divorce each other until life is ended. 3) **Religion** - through ritual speech, people believe that speak with God through the human traditional ceremony. 4) **Education** - the ritual speech educated family to serve each other and to do good habits with the other relatives based on the natural well-behavior which are differences with the other creatures. 5) **Justice** - the ritual speech of traditional ceremony is to regulate the bride and groom to live well as a husband and wife consider each other the same level as a human being without discrimination.

### **c. Analyze and Describe the Positive and Negative Impact of Ritual Speech of Bride and Groom**

Positive impact - If the ritual speech ceremony is celebrated, the life of a couple of marriage would be survived well and the bride will give birth and live in a wellbeing family.

Negative impact - if ritual speech is not celebrated, they would be unable to get a new generation, live in dangerous and also they will be undergoing various types of disaster or bad luck such; *death, sickness, domestic violence* and so on.

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