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FOREWORD

It is with great enthusiasm that I write the foreword for “Empowering Scientific Literacy and Digital Innovation in Education: Strategies for Communication, Collaboration, and Academic Excellence.” In today’s rapidly evolving educational landscape, the ability to navigate scientific knowledge, embrace digital tools, and communicate effectively has never been more crucial. This book serves as a timely and comprehensive resource, bridging the domains of scientific literacy, academic integrity, and educational management.

The chapters collectively offer practical insights, from understanding historical developments in language and literacy, to applying digital innovations for academic writing, scientific presentations, and collaborative research. What is particularly noteworthy is the book’s emphasis on the interplay between ethical scholarship and technological proficiency, ensuring that learners and educators alike are equipped to uphold quality and integrity in their academic endeavors.

Moreover, the authors present a thoughtful integration of theory and practice, highlighting real-world applications such as project-based learning, digital ecosystems, and inclusive approaches for students with special needs. This holistic approach reflects the current demands of both higher education institutions and global academic communities, making the book a valuable reference for educators, researchers, and policymakers.

I am confident that this work will inspire educators to innovate in their teaching practices, strengthen students’ scientific competencies, and enhance institutional capacities through digital literacy. It is a commendable contribution to the ongoing transformation of education in the digital era.

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PREFACE

As the Class of Education Management 2025H, we are honored to present this compilation of chapters titled “Empowering Scientific Literacy and Digital Innovation in Education: Strategies for Communication, Collaboration, and Academic Excellence”. The book represents our collective journey as we explore how scientific literacy, ethical academic practices, and digital innovation can transform teaching, learning, and educational management.

Throughout our research and learning experiences, we observed the growing importance of integrating technology into educational practices without compromising academic integrity. Each chapter reflects a commitment to equipping students, educators, and administrators with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly digital and interconnected academic environment. From mastering scientific writing and presentations to leveraging collaborative tools and education management systems, the book provides practical frameworks that are adaptable to various educational contexts.

We also recognize the significance of inclusive and equitable learning approaches. Chapters addressing students with special needs, collaborative proposal development, and digital tools for citation and referencing underscore our belief that quality education must be accessible to all learners. By combining theory, practice, and digital innovation, we aim to inspire a generation of educators and students who are not only proficient in scientific literacy but also capable of navigating complex academic and technological landscapes.

We sincerely hope that this book will serve as a practical guide and an inspiration for educators, researchers, and students worldwide, promoting excellence, integrity, and innovation in education.

Surabaya, November 2025

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The Position of Indonesian in the Academic World: Opportunities and Challenges in the Digital Age

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A. Background

Language is one of the most valuable elements of a society's culture, because it enables people to communicate and interact with one another. Language allows humans to develop, express themselves, and build social relationships. Language is the primary tool for communication and interaction between people (Febriana et al., 2024). Furthermore, language also functions as a form of self-identity, as its existence is inseparable from and used in everyday community life (Mei et al., 2025). Therefore, it can be said that language plays a very important role in human life as social beings. Every day, from the moment a person wakes up until they go back to sleep, even in dreams, language is a means of communicating and conveying messages. The Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia has a common language, namely Indonesian. This language plays a very important role in the life of society, so it needs to be learned, developed, and its functions and use optimized (Al-azizi et al., 2025). The designation of Indonesian as the official language is stated in the third point of the Youth Pledge, which reads, "We, the sons and daughters of Indonesia, uphold the language of unity, Indonesian." Thus, Indonesian serves not only as a means of communication, but also as a symbol of national unity (Basitu, 2025). As the official language of the country, Indonesian plays a central role in the life of the nation and state, as it is a means of communication and a symbol of unity for the Indonesian people, who are diverse in ethnicity, culture, and regional languages (Vebrina et al., 2024).

In today's modern era, the development of the Indonesian language is progressing rapidly in line with the tide of globalization (Amelia et al., 2024). In its development, the Indonesian language has faced various major challenges, such as the influence of global culture, the dominance of foreign languages, and changes in the social and cultural values of society (Dewi, 2025). Therefore, efforts to preserve and develop the Indonesian language are very important to ensure its continued relevance as a dynamic language of communication and as a symbol of national identity (Febriana et al.,

2024). Based on this, this paper will discuss the history, function, position, and dynamics of the development of the Indonesian language in the era of globalization, including the opportunities and challenges that accompany it.

B. Problem Statement

The writing of this paper certainly has its own reasons for answering several questions that are the topics of discussion in this paper, namely:

1. What is the history of the development of the Indonesian language?
2. What is the function of the Indonesian language in society?
3. How has the Indonesian language developed in the modern and digital era?
4. What challenges does the Indonesian language face in keeping up with the times?
5. What opportunities exist for the Indonesian language to continue to develop and be preserved in this digital era?

C. Research Objectives

This paper was written with the following objectives:

1. To explain the development of the Indonesian language.
2. To explain the function and position of the Indonesian language.
3. To analyze the development of the Indonesian language in the digital age.
4. To solve the challenges faced by the Indonesian language in the digital age.
5. To find the right opportunities for the Indonesian language to develop and remain sustainable in society in the era of globalization.

D. Benefits

This paper is expected to provide new knowledge for readers, such as:

1. Providing an understanding of the development of the Indonesian language.
2. Providing an understanding of the function and position of the Indonesian language.
3. Fostering ideas for developing and preserving the Indonesian language in the digital age.
4. Identifying the factors that pose challenges for the Indonesian language in the digital era.
5. Understanding the development of the Indonesian language in the digital era.

E. Result and Discussion

1. History of the Development of the Indonesian Language

The Indonesian language originated and developed from Malay, which is its main root. Historically, Malay was known as a lingua franca or intermediary language between tribes and regions (Mei et al., 2025). From a linguistic perspective, Indonesian is considered a form of Malay, with Riau Malay as its standard form (Harziko, 2022). Since the 19th century, Malay has served as a means of communication across ethnic groups in the Indonesian archipelago. In addition, this language is also used in international trade, where local and foreign traders interact using Malay. It is this important role that has made Malay the main lingua franca in the archipelago and the basis for the birth of the Indonesian language (Hafiz et al., 2025).

Several factors contributed to Malay being accepted as the Indonesian language. First, this language has long served as a lingua franca, a common language that enabled various ethnic groups in the archipelago to communicate with each other. Second, the number of Malay speakers is not as large as other major languages such as Javanese, Sundanese, or Madurese, so it is considered more neutral and acceptable to all groups. Third, Malay has a wide reach and close ties to various regional languages in the archipelago, making it easier to accept as a unifying language, which later became known as Indonesian.

This language was finally officially adopted by the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia. As an official language, it can still be learned and used throughout Indonesia. Indonesian was officially recognized on October 28, 1928, along with the Youth Pledge event (Nasution et al., 2022). The establishment of the name “Bahasa Indonesia” had political significance, as it was used by nationalists as a tool and strategy in their struggle for independence and sovereignty. Even before the Youth Pledge, the term Bahasa Indonesia was already known, as can be seen from the establishment of its name (S. L. Putri et al., 2023).

Through the Youth Pledge, the Malay language, which had been known since the 7th century, was finally officially recognized as the Indonesian language (Maulani, 1928). However, this decision would not mean much without continuous efforts to promote and strengthen the function of Indonesian as the national language. As a concrete step, the First Indonesian Language Congress was held in Solo in 1939, which became an important moment in the history of the Indonesian language (Saputra et al., 2025). In the forum, Ki Hadjar Dewantara said that Indonesian originated from Riau Malay, which had been adapted to the times and

the needs of society, so that it could be easily understood and used by all levels of Indonesian society.

2. Position of the Indonesian Language

The status of a language refers to its role and position within a society. The status of a language can be understood as the relative status of a language as a cultural symbol system, which is determined by the social value attached to that language (Syahputri et al., 2025). The Indonesian language has the following status:

a. As the national language

Indonesian serves as a powerful symbol of national identity and functions as an essential tool for unifying the diverse population. It also acts as a means of communication that bridges different ethnic groups and regions, helping to strengthen social cohesion and foster a shared sense of belonging among the people.

b. As the language

As the national language, Indonesian is officially stated and stipulated in Article 36 of the 1945 Constitution. It is used throughout government administration and in official state documents, serving as a vital means of communication within the state management system.

c. As the language of science and technology

Indonesian is used in the development of various scientific and technological fields. It serves as the primary language of higher education and functions as an important medium for conducting and presenting research.

d. As the international language

Indonesian is now taught in various countries such as Australia, Japan, and several others. Its growing global presence also supports cultural diplomacy, helping Indonesia build stronger connections and understanding within the international community.

3. Function of the Indonesian Language

The basic function of language is as a means of communication, a tool for conveying thoughts, feelings, and information. Indonesian itself also has functions, namely:

a. As a symbol of national pride

The Indonesian language reflects the deep love and loyalty that

citizens feel toward their homeland. It stands as a unifying emblem that represents the nation's history, culture, and identity. Through its use in daily life, education, and national celebrations, the Indonesian language reinforces a shared sense of belonging and strengthens the emotional bond between the people and their country.

b. A symbol of national identity

The Indonesian language represents the unique character and cultural distinctiveness of the Indonesian people. It serves as a defining feature that sets the nation apart from others, reflecting its rich heritage, values, and unity. Through its use, Indonesians express who they are as a nation and strengthen the shared identity that binds them together.

c. A unifying tool

As a unifying tool, the Indonesian language plays a crucial role in connecting a nation made up of diverse ethnic groups, races, and religions. Its presence enables all Indonesian citizens to communicate effectively, fostering understanding and harmony among communities. Through this shared language, the people of Indonesia are able to bridge differences, strengthen social cohesion, and build a more unified society.

d. A tool for interregional and intercultural communication

As a tool for interregional and intercultural communication, the Indonesian language greatly facilitates interaction among people from different regions and cultural backgrounds. It serves as a common medium that bridges linguistic diversity, enabling smooth communication in daily life, education, government affairs, and the media. Through its widespread use, Indonesian helps connect communities across the archipelago and supports the flow of information, cooperation, and understanding among various groups

4. Developments in the Digital Age

Development in the digital age is inseparable from the existence of information and communication technology (Vebrina et al., 2024). Information and communication technology is a term that covers all technical devices used to process and convey information. Information technology is a set of tools that function to assist in managing information and carrying out various tasks related to data processing, including devices that support communication activities (Miftah, 2019).