

Chapter one

Introduction

This introduction highlights the description of the study. There are some sub chapters that are covered in this part. The background of the research figures out reasons and problems why the researcher is interested in focusing on this study. To conduct the study, the clear identification of the problem and delimitation of the study are explored. In addition, research questions and purposes of the study describe the specific objects that are going to be researched. The significance of the study presents the benefits of this research toward students and others. Finally, the organization of the chapter section shows the writing organization of each chapter. The following section describes the reasons why the study is conducted.

Background of the Study

Education is very important for human life because education gives the skills humans need to help themselves out from poverty into prosperity (Gignous, 2002). Gignous (2002) also added that education is important because education will support the growth society, democracy and political stability, allowing people to learn about their rights and acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to exercise them. Moreover, Education will improve the human intellectual skills, decision makers and trainer (Sreenivasulu, 2013). Mitra (2011) also stated that education has several basic cognitive benefits and improving decision making ability and reasoning skills. Mitra also stated that the benefit of education is helping individual to have more options to make better decision about their life.

There is something that should be highlight that the process of globalization, the global economic crisis, the development of communication and information engage some crucial issue

is product of education (Adina & Pavel, 2012). Furthermore, through having sufficient education, people are ready to build civilization, and therefore almost all aspects of life need qualified and educated people. Education becomes requirements of an institution or company to hire the employees. They need qualified people to be chosen. Thus, the targets of the company can be achieved. Owing to the Asian Economic Community (AEC) pact, job competitions are very high at present, especially in Indonesia. Pyakurel (2014) stated that in the AEC, the skills possessed by students at university would no longer be suffice because there will be diplomas from ten different countries, each with their own curricular structure and standard. Therefore, it is anticipated that the AEC labour market will demand for employable skills that are verifiable by an independent international body.

One of the way to increase the quality of individual in the global competition is higher education. Higher education here means that pursuing post graduate program overseas or study at home. The reasons educated worker became crucial player in economic performance, more job demands high level skill and qualification are the reason why higher education is importance (Adina & Pavel, 2012). The choice to pursue post graduate program at home or overseas education may be consideration for the students who want to pursue post graduate program. Seeing the ability of the students and based on the researcher's small discussion with students of English Language Education Department of one private university in Yogyakarta, most students will continue their post graduate program in overseas because they have English language proficiency and other English skills that support them to pursue post graduate program overseas.

The choice to pursue post graduate program in overseas will give more benefits to the students than pursue post graduate program at home. Parey and Waldinger (2010) argued that students who choose to pursue post graduate overseas expect to increase an individual's

probability to work in foreign country. Parey and Waldinger (2010) also added that pursuing post graduate in overseas will affect international students in having good student's behavior in their labor market mobility and good career prospect in the future. Furthermore, there are many impact of pursuing post graduate in overseas such as the existence of the study overseas program to the students and also satisfaction with the study overseas program (Donahue, Krentler, Reinig, & Sabol, 2012) Donahue et.al added that students who pursue post graduate program in overseas report improve academic and cognitive growth and along with intercultural competencies and psycho-social development. Thus, when the students return home, the student will have grown intellectually and personally, having developed a greater measure of global and intercultural competence and, having develop greater in language of English

However, the first problem of pursuing post graduate program overseas is related to the financial matters. This component is very useful for students who want to pursue higher study. They need money to survive and fulfill the things needed such as tuition fee, living cost, accommodation and others. Heisel and Kissler (2010) argued that the role of tuition is crucial because it will cover students' live. In addition, Ludlum, Ice and Nguyen, (2013) assumed that higher study overseas is expensive. Thus, the high cost of study overseas is discouraging students to participate (pursuing post graduate in overseas). The second problem is related to language barrier. Students with the higher level showed significantly less of the of the stress appraisal of challenge (Savicki, 2011). It can be concluded that if people are not mastering English, it will be hard for them to face the challenge especially in the communication. The problems that are found above are two common problems when students want to continue their post graduate program in overseas. Similarly, these problems are potential to be found among students of one private university in Yogyakarta. While financial and English language barrier are the problems for

students who want to pursue post graduate program in overseas, other problems may exist as well.

This research aimed to look at the perceptions of students of one private university in Yogyakarta. However, the perception of the students is important to be explore because trough perception that the students' belief, the students automatically show their background knowledge about pursuing post graduate program overseas.

Statement of the Problem

This research focuses on the students' perception of pursuing post graduate program in overseas among students of one private university in Yogyakarta. This study is important to be investigated because the urgency of the differences of the goals and reason among students who want to pursue post graduate in overseas. However, Understanding the goal and reason is important because if the students do not know their truly goals to pursue post graduate in overseas, it will affect to the students itself. Moreover, students who do not understand the goal to pursue post graduate in overseas, they will get unsatisfied result of the study and the process of the study will not be maximal and focus because there is no something to be achieve.

Second point of the problem of this research is about phenomenon where the students want to pursue post graduate program but they do not know how to begin. However, the differences problems among students who want to pursue post graduate overseas may lead the students more understand about the meaning of differences. Thus, the students will understand that the difference of the problem to pursue post graduate program overseas create the problems to the students because the differences of the problems show that students do not understand well what their truly goals pursue post graduate program in overseas. Thus, the researcher wants to conduct the research by finding deeper information in research

The problems mentioned earlier may be perceived by university students, especially students of English Language Education Department of a private university in Yogyakarta when they want to pursue post graduate program overseas. It is also possible for these students of a private university in Yogyakarta in having different problems related to the perceived benefits and perceived problems of pursuing post graduate program overseas. Therefore, this study is intended to investigate their own perceptions about pursuing post graduate program overseas and these problems become the reason why the researcher is interested in conducting the research about perception of pursuing post graduate program overseas among students of a private university in Yogyakarta.

Delimitation of the Problem

The study will specify the meaning of overseas by relating in English speaking countries and English major such as English Language Education Department and English literature. The researcher will choose only the students who want to pursue post graduate program overseas using scholarship. The methodology that will applied in this study is only employs qualitative design and individual interviews. Finally, among the whole students of private university in Yogyakarta, only three students from on batch 2014 will be selected as the participant.

Research Question

Based on the problems and delimitation of the study, the research question is formulated as follows:

What are the students' perceptions of pursuing post graduate program in overseas at English Language Education Department of a private university in Yogyakarta?

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this study is to find out the perceptions of pursuing post graduate program

in overseas among students of a private university in Yogyakarta. The purpose of this study will focus to find what are the perceive benefits of pursuing post graduate program in overseas and what are the perceive problems of pursuing post graduate program in overseas.

Significance of the Study

This study is expected to give benefits to the related groups such as the lecturer of one private university in Yogyakarta, the scholarship provider and other researchers.

The Lecturer. The researcher hopes that this research will help the lecturer to inform and give the understanding to students about pursuing post graduate program overseas. Moreover, the researcher hopes that this research will help the lecturer in sharing information about pursuing post graduate program in overseas. The lecturer who graduated overseas can give clear and real explanation what the students will be face in the real life if the students can pursue post graduate program overseas.

The Scholarship Provider. The researcher hopes that the findings of this research can inform Non- government organization (NGO) or Scholarship provider such as AMINEF and LPDP. The scholarship provider may needs to understand the reasons why the students want to pursue post graduate program in overseas. However, knowing the reasons and also motivation the students who want to pursue post graduate program in overseas will make the organization easier to identify that student's reason and motivation are different. Thus, the scholarship provider can consider and choose the best events that should be conducted. In the other hand, knowing the students motivation and reasons are the benefits of the scholarship provider to have the up to date with the student's condition.

Other Researchers. The researcher hopes that with this research findings, the researcher

can inspire and give contributions in education field especially for one private university in Yogyakarta. In addition, the researcher hopes that this research finding will be useful for other researchers who want to study about student's perception to pursuing higher study overseas, learning in abroad or perhaps they can make this research as additional information related to their topics.

Organization of the Chapter

This research presents five chapters. The first chapter is going to discuss about background, statement of the problem, delimitation of the problem, research questions, purpose of the research, significant of the research and organization of the chapter. This chapter will lead the research to the main point of the research. In addition, chapter one will show the basic information about the case and why the researcher is interested in this study. Therefore, to support chapter one that consists of background and general information of the research, the literature review will be explained in the next chapter.

Chapter two is literature review. There are several explanations related to the perception of pursuing postgraduate program in overseas among students of one private university in Yogyakarta. This chapter will discuss about the importance of education overseas, the benefits of taking post graduate program in overseas, the problem when studying overseas and the strategies of pursuing post graduate program in overseas.

Chapter three explain about the methodology. This chapter contains the design of the research, setting of the research, participants of the research, techniques of data collection, and instruments of the research. Trustworthiness by which the researcher ensures that the research is right is conducted by member checking, and finally interpreting issues conclude the sections in chapter three.

Chapter four of this research explain the finding of the research that will be added the discussion of the research finding. In the other hand, chapter four will also show the list of the findings that will be strengthened by the theory. Lastly, chapter five will be last chapter of the research. In this research, the researcher will show conclusion and suggestions of the research.