

PROCESS AND UPDATES ON KAHAWOTINO LAMBU TRADITION ON MUNA TRIBE IN SOUTHEAST SULAWESI

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Abstract

This study investigated the existence and transmission of the Kahawotino Lambu tradition in the Muna ethnic group of Southeast Sulawesi. The study found that the Kahawotino Lambu tradition is a tradition of entering a new house that is carried out by the Muna ethnic group. The tradition is considered by the Muna ethnic group as a way to express gratitude to God for His mercy and sustenance. The study also found that the younger generation is less likely to follow the Kahawotino Lambu tradition than the older generation. The younger generation is more likely to follow the development of the times and the advancement of science and technology. The study concluded that the Kahawotino Lambu tradition is facing a decline in existence. This is due to a number of factors, including the changing beliefs of the younger generation and the influence of modern culture.

Keywords : Existence, Kawahatino Lambu, Inheritance Pattern

INTRODUCTION

Indonesia is a country that has a diversity of ethnic groups, from Sabang to Merauke. Although there have been several migrations from other places, for generations the people in Indonesia have lived in the territory of Indonesia and consider Indonesia as their homeland. It is certain that Indonesia has diverse customs in each region. Customs can be understood as local traditions that can regulate interactions between communities. The encyclopaedia states that adat is a "tradition" or "habit" of a community that has been practiced repeatedly and continues to be

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passed down from its ancestors. The word "adat" is often used without distinguishing between those that have sanctions such as "customary law" and those that do not have sanctions or are commonly referred to as adat only.

Kahawotino lambu (occupying a new house) is one of the ancient traditions of the Muna people when they want to enter or occupy a new house. The implementation of the kahawotino lambu tradition is also a form or way for the community to preserve activities carried out by previous ancestors. This activity involves the owner of the house, traditional counselors and even the spirits of ancestors who are included in the family tree. This activity can be said to be a form of communication between humans and other humans, humans and the environment and humans and their God.

The kahawotino lambu tradition is considered an essential thing that cannot be separated from the life of the Muna people. As it is known that a house is a product of culture produced by a community group. In the construction process, it is inseparable from the traditions and values of the local community.

The construction process is inseparable from the traditions and values of the local community, which each region or tribe has its own and different ways of implementing it. For example, the Tolaki community when occupying a new house performs a housewarming ritual called the mombekari laika tradition. Tolaki people believe that the ritual must be done when the family wants to move into a new house. Occupy a new house or move house. If they do not perform the ritual, it will have an impact on their family, such as family members getting sick or uncomfortable in the house and sustenance is not smooth.

The development of traditions results from the evolution and adaptation of a practice or ritual to evolving social, cultural and environmental changes. Traditions are not static; they can change over time, often in response to changes in values, technology, social structures or cultural paradigms. Over the course of its development, a tradition may show variations, modifications or even updates, but still be rooted in the core values that underlie its existence. For example, in the context of tradition development in the Muna Tribe, the Kahawotino Lambu tradition may have adapted to modern social changes, such as urbanization, globalization, and economic development. These developments can be reflected in the way the event is organized, the use of symbols, or even the deep meaning of the tradition in people's daily lives.

The development of traditions can also illustrate how communities adapt inherited practices to the demands of the times, while maintaining the essence and values passed down from previous generations. As such, the development of traditions plays an important role in illustrating the dynamics of a community's cultural life and how its existence remains relevant to the changing times. Along with the times and the increasingly strong influence of outside culture, the Kahawotino

Lambu tradition is faced with various challenges. One of the main challenges is the declining interest of the younger generation in maintaining and continuing this tradition. They are more interested in popular cultural trends and often ignore traditional cultural heritage.

In addition, another problem faced by the Kahawotino Lambu tradition is the social and economic changes taking place in the community. Increased urbanization and modernization have caused a shift in cultural values and identity, as well as reduced opportunities and space to carry out this tradition properly. Nevertheless, it is important to realize that the Kahawotino Lambu tradition has significant value for the Muna tribe and needs to be preserved. This tradition is not just an entertainment or traditional event, but also a means to strengthen social ties, build togetherness, and realize solidarity between community members.

RESEARCH METHOD

This type of research is descriptive qualitative which produces data in the form of descriptive written and oral words. This research is literature, including the type of library research. Library research is research whose data collection is carried out by collecting data from various literatures. The literature studied is not limited to books but can also be in the form of documentation materials, magazines, journals, and newspapers. The emphasis of library research is to find various theories, laws, arguments, principles, opinions, ideas and others that can be used to analyze and solve the problem under study.

As for according to Zed Mestika, library research or library research is a series of activities related to library data collection methods, reading and recording and processing library collection materials only without requiring field research. The approach used in this research is a qualitative approach, namely by emphasizing its analysis on the process of concluding comparisons and on analyzing the dynamics of the relationship between observed phenomena using scientific logic. After that, it presents it in a critical way through primary or secondary literature sources related to the theme.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This research shows that the Kahawotino Lambu tradition in the Muna tribe in Southeast Sulawesi has experienced significant development over time. This tradition is an important part of the Muna tribe's culture and has become an inseparable part of the local community's life.

1. The Development Process of Kahawotino Lambu Tradition

The Kahawotino Lambu tradition has undergone significant development over time. From the beginning as a traditional ritual performed in the context of religion and belief, it has now become part of a cultural festival held regularly by

the Muna people. This development shows that the Kahawotino Lambu tradition continues to live and thrive in Muna society. The development process of the Kahawotino Lambu tradition, in its essence, reflects the process of evolution, adaptation, and maintenance of cultural values in the context of changing times. This provides an in-depth look at how the tradition plays an important role in building community identity and remains relevant over time.

In the discussion of this research, it can be concluded that the Kahawotino Lambu tradition in the Muna tribe in Southeast Sulawesi plays an important role in the life of the local community. The process of selecting a partner, preparing for marriage, and performing traditional ceremonies are stages that are closely related to the social and cultural life of the Muna tribe.

The development of the Kahawotino Lambu tradition illustrates the Muna people's adaptation to changing times, but also shows the continuity of traditional values that are still upheld. The positive impacts of this tradition include strengthening the bonds between families and maintaining the cultural values of the Muna tribe. Given the importance of the Kahawotino Lambu tradition as part of the Muna tribe's cultural identity, it is necessary to preserve and document this tradition so that it can continue to be passed down to future generations.

2. The Role of Kahawotino Lambu Tradition in Community Life

Kahawotino Lambu tradition has a very important role in the life of the Muna people. Apart from being a form of respect for ancestors and spirits, this tradition is also a means to strengthen solidarity and unity among the community. The cultural festival organized as part of this tradition is also a place to promote tourism and introduce the rich culture of the Muna tribe to the wider community.

This tradition is a means to strengthen social ties between community members. Through the implementation of this tradition, people can interact with each other, share experiences, and strengthen relationships between people. The role of the Kahawotino Lambu tradition in the lives of the Muna people summarizes how cultural heritage plays a crucial role in building, maintaining, and strengthening community identity and sustainability. This provides the foundation for the continuity of the tradition in the face of changing times. Thus, the Kahawotino Lambu tradition has a very important role in people's lives, both in strengthening social ties, preserving cultural heritage, maintaining natural balance, and strengthening the community's cultural identity. This tradition is an integral part of community life and is still maintained and preserved for future generations.

3. Challenges and Opportunities in Preserving the Kahawotino Lambu Tradition

Although the Kahawotino Lambu tradition has experienced positive developments, it also faces various challenges in an effort to preserve it. Globalization and modernization have a significant impact on this tradition, so there needs to be a real effort to maintain the authenticity and cultural values in

the Kahawotino Lambu tradition. On the other hand, this tradition also has the opportunity to continue to grow and become part of a cultural heritage that can be preserved and passed on to future generations.

The Kahawotino Lambu tradition is a traditional tradition originating from the Lambu area, South Sulawesi. This tradition involves a traditional ceremony held by the local community as a form of respect and honor to their ancestors. However, like any other customary tradition, the Kahawotino Lambu tradition faces challenges in preserving it.

One of the main challenges in preserving the Kahawotino Lambu tradition is the social and cultural changes taking place in modern society. Many of the younger generation are no longer interested or concerned with this tradition as they prefer a modern and global lifestyle. In addition, urbanization and migration can also lead to the loss of customary practices as people move to the city and leave their villages.

However, there are also opportunities in preserving the Kahawotino Lambu tradition. One such opportunity is through education and public awareness. By introducing this tradition to the younger generation and providing an understanding of the values contained in it, then they will appreciate and maintain this tradition more.

In addition, technology can also be an opportunity in preserving the Kahawotino Lambu tradition. By utilizing social media or other digital platforms, this tradition can be more easily accessed and recognized by people around the world. Overall, preserving the Kahawotino Lambu tradition requires hard work and commitment from the local community and related parties. By overcoming the challenges and capitalizing on the opportunities available, this tradition can be passed on to the next generation.

CONCLUSION

In the discussion of this research, it can be concluded that the Kahawotino Lambu tradition in the Muna tribe in Southeast Sulawesi plays an important role in the life of the local community. The process of selecting a partner, preparing for marriage, and performing traditional ceremonies are stages that are closely related to the social and cultural life of the Muna tribe. The Kahawotino Lambu tradition of the Muna tribe in Southeast Sulawesi has experienced significant development and has an important role in the lives of local people. Despite facing various challenges, this tradition also has the opportunity to continue to grow and become part of a cultural heritage that can be preserved. Therefore, there needs to be a real effort from the government and the community to preserve and promote the Kahawotino Lambu tradition to keep it alive and thriving in the future.

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