

Munandar - Extracts from interviews (all translated from Bahasa Indonesia)

Attitude towards English

2002 (questionnaire open item response)

“What’s the easiest way to learn English?”

2003

I: “Do you sometimes get bored in English lessons?”

M: Yes sometimes I get a bit bored, but only occasionally, not all the time. You know in Bangko [a rural area of the province], over there we didn’t have any English lessons but in Jambi we need English, if you don’t have English, it’s difficult. Wherever we go here we need English.

I: For example, where do you need it?

M: What I mean is, if we’ve already progressed, got success, started working, we need to be tested in English, everywhere our English is tested.”

2008

M: “English is really important because everywhere, in your place of study, place of work, you need English, wherever we are, we for sure need English..... Wherever you study you’re sure to need English, wherever you are, whichever country, because English is the international language, wherever you are you’re certain to need it. As an Indonesian, not all Indonesians know English, if we see people who can speak English we can be attracted, wow look at their English, how can they do it when we can’t? What’s the method?”

Plans for the future

2004

I: “After 10 years, you’ll be 23 yeah? Can you imagine where you’ll be, what work you’ll be doing, what activities?”

M: Er, after junior high school I’ll enter senior high, after senior high, I’ll study, then work...that’s it. After school, study at university, yeah that’s it.”

2008

I: “How do you see yourself in 10 years’ time?”

M: “My plan is, when I’ve finished [at senior high school] I might go to west Sumatra, Padang, maybe study there, but my parents tell me I should go to Jakarta, there’s a new university in Jakarta, students are housed there, the government pays but according to my mum it’s up to me, it’s my future so for me to decide what to do..... Maybe what I’ll do first is, sport, what’s high quality, high quality in the field of sport, because I’ve achieved something in football so maybe it’ll be easier for me to get in.”