

CHINESE MUSLIMS IN INDONESIA: MINORITY ETHNIC YET MAJORITY AS A RELIGIOUS GROUP

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Abstract

This research analysis qualitatively the Chinese Muslim assimilation their indigenous values as Chinese with Islamic values. Five research questions asked and discussed with six informants with wide range of background. The questions ranging from Chinese Ethnic values compatibility with Islamic values, the adoption process, and hybrid values emerged from such acculturation. The result showed quite interesting result. The Chinese Muslim communities form their hybrid values based on assimilation process between Islamic values and their Chinese culture values. As part of Hui ancestry, Chinese Muslim in Indonesia adopt slow pace involvement with indigenous values of Indonesian cultures. The problem of confronting values between Islam and Chinese cultures also occurred, and all informants agreed that the best way to solved is to look at past practices their ancestor did. Their devotion to ancestor became their solution for conflicted values among them. All of Chinese Muslim informants accept the national basis of Indonesia which is Bhineka Tunggal Ika or Unity in Diversity.

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