

Abstract

Lampung scripts: the writing tradition that almost disappear

Lampung writing is usually called *khat Lampung* or *surat Lampung*. Its letter is included in KaGaNga group, the shape is similar to Rejang letter, Pasemah, Batak and Makassar. According to the researchers, Lampung script is development from *Devanagari* letter. Basically, Lampung writing is a writing that used in the entire Southern Sumatra. Old people in Southern Sumatra called it as 'surat ulu' or 'surat ugan.' Lampung Letter is a syllable letter. Writing and reading Lampung script is from left to right. There are two types of shape of the khat/ writing, which are Old Lampung and New Lampung. But there are six varieties of it, which are khat lamung Ho, Jebi, Tumbal, Ampai, Angka, and Ganta. Every writing shape or khat Lampung shows an era that affecting it, so each writings have different characteristics. From research that has been done, it is known that Lampung letter in the past is not just used to write old manuscripts but also used to write other needs. But today, Lampung writing is almost forgotten by its community.

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