

Role of elite religions toward the development of society in Kawangkoan subdistrict Minahasa regency

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Abstract— This research aimed to analyze the role of elite religion in the development of society in Kawangkoan Subdistrict. This research was qualitative research. Data collecting in this research was observation, interview, library study. This research used data analysis technique that consisted of those three activities were data reduction, data presentation, and concluding which occurred at the same time. This research found believing elite religion to develop a society in Kawangkoan Subdistrict was high, then in the effort of development program demanded there should be coordination between government and leader of the faith.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Successful or not of development of society would be influenced by the attitude of the community, and if this attitude benefited then, the city would act as what changed it. The progress in nowadays era which is desired to be able to walk alone where power, initiative, and dynamics of society become the main factor because human as human resource gazes as an aspect that has dependency where status or role is straight increased.

Elite is a small group which stands out in a specific field and be able to influence the mindset of general society because they are at the top of strata and has a direct or indirect effect on the process of making a decision that related to the community.

According to reference [1] in development of rural, then the role of elite dominated in making a decision and described in processing the event of village aid, in fact, there was a lot of interference from elite religion which caused the decline on presence and participation of society in growth.

There was the tendency of an elite group in Minahasa society since a long time ago that influenced society activity in the development of society, apparently the role of elite religion was more prominent because religion was regarded as honored strata. But it should be

asked if that influence was still felt in the implementation of society development in nowadays era because in the event of society depends on the condition of the community its self? [2].

Based on the problem which has conveyed above, is researcher interest to analyze what the influence of elite religion in the development of society in Kawangkoan Subdistrict Minahasa Regency still existed.

Based on the thought above, then could be conveyed formulation of the problem in this research as follow: how is the role of elite religion toward the development of society?

II. RESEARCH METHODS

This research will use the method of qualitative research, and the data is implemented descriptively. Data collecting technique is the most strategy measure in research because the principle aim of the study is to get the data. Concerning the investigation, then the data collecting technique will be used by the researcher in this research is Observation, Interview, Documentation, and literature study. In analyzing the data, the researcher will process and analyze the collected data, and the received information is not pile up. It is to facilitate the researcher to arrange data analysis which has obtained after. Data analysis technique used in this research consisted of those three activities were data reduction, data presentation, and concluding which occurred at the same time [3].

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

There was a group of people (majority) in every development activity that influenced another group to do something and in Minahasa society found a group of people (minority) which known as an elite group. There three elite groups which were: elite village guardian, elite wealth farmer, and elite religion. Elite religion dominated the position of elite local which influenced the development of rural including an effort in the event of society. In an attempt

to develop community, the government seemed to be supported by religion leader (elite religion) going to stagnate.

For several generations, Minahasa society has become accustomed to the impersonal higher level of government where since the Dutch colonial government asserted its influence to the village level. Religious life is very high; behavior refers to Christian doctrine. Reference [4] research, conveyed elite interaction connection especially in village processing, the role of spiritual leader was ignored, it was an indication that should be concerned because part of elite religion in Minahasa Regency especially Kawangkoan Subdistrict was more influence the development of society in the mental and spiritual area.

But there always be social stratification in the society, and people who had something precious and more that confessed upper class society as elite, otherwise people who had none was regarded as a lower class. Based on the structure of society its self, there was also variety in quantity and kind which still changed agree with the development of society, for more advanced a community is more form of stratification along with increased specialization and diversification of the job. For culture in Kowangkoan Subdistrict Minahasa Regency influence of someone in a specific work, the mechanism is depended on determiners which are elite religion. It has conveyed before that influence of elite religion determined the development of society, despite government had control and a durable power to manage the aid of village development because the government also built connection in village level to rise new elite community on the development of society in the village.

The research found that the influence of elite religion always appeared with new elites by the existence of social organization in the village. The individually new elite in the town was also elite religion in the city its self, as an elite group did not mean rethe gardlessthe of believing in someone who was from the activity of elite religion.

There was the tendency of elite religion in Kawangkoan Subdistrict that had the high credibility of society to do something including an effort in the development of society in every aspect of its life. Evolution of society as a process development of a community which insisted on the change of individual, family and also a social group of the population. The process of growth or formation of organization divided into two levels: (a) development of group its self which is capable for their members to recognize more people, more close and work together between themselves, and to control their behavior on its implementation without outside assistance, (b) in general meaning development of society is like the characteristic which built within group in influence attitude and behavior of member. Because as a leader (elite) should be able to produce socialization and could recognize more people, the role of the elite is more advanced if could change the group into a positive alteration.

Most elites implemented the development of society with the way to stimulate essential role because of the lack of knowledge. In this way even if the education class of elite group in primary level, but would influence the development of society.

Talking about the relationship between elite religion with the development of society related to the participation because there was the influence of elite religion which

increased participation level of organization in the event. Participation was mental and emotional involvement of a person in group goals and share responsibility. From this concept was seen three crucial aspects which were; (a) actually participation was a more mental and emotional involvement than body involvement, (b) in partnership there should be a willingness in giving something to achieve group purpose, it meant there should be happiness and voluntary to help the community.

There some participations of society which are; consultation, the contribution of money, massive action, indicate the development of a family circle, develop autonomy consultation project. Participation can be classified into psychology participation, energy participation, and commodity or money participation. Attendance could be said effective if it did not motivate spoiled impression but had relevance between the subject of the involvement with the place where doing the activity.

Role of elite religion in the development of society was capable of increasing participation of society which means the organization should follow and accompany government, primarily to organize the progress in every area.

Participation of elite religion in its relation with the development of society, envelop of thought, energy participation, social participation, and skill or acquisition participation in deciding which is suitable to be implemented in the life of the community. Some research gave prerequisite of cooperation which has done; those were (1) togetherness, dependence, and connection, (2) relationship of the purpose, and (3) acquisition to adapt with the change of condition, also (4) initiative and (5) climate of participation.

Based on the research, could be concluded that elite religion on its influence toward the development of society influenced society and environment condition where participation of elite religion should be implemented. To increase the spirit of community in event certainly needed the support of a leader for what should be done. Usually, elite religion had a role in taking decision related to project development or its implementation which insisted on the participation of society.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the description which has discussed in this research, could be given the role of elite religion influenced some conclusions which are the development of society. Elite religion in Minahasa Regency especially Kawangkoan Subdistrict was still affected by a factor of its ability to change its culture such as education factor, how long live in its area. This research suggested increasing of cooperation between religious organization through spirituality activities; it is not only organized in Work Agency of Religious Society.

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