Ethnic Group Effort to Returns as most Important Factor in Indonesia Political Field
(An Analysis of The Toraja Ethnic Group in Regional Election 2015)

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Abstract
This paper aims to provide an Indonesian ethnic group where also considered as Indigenous People experience to return their local norm as important aspect in their area. This paper is based on research was in the Toraja area where most of its habitants are the Toraja ethnic Group. This paper focus to analyse the return of the customary law or adat as this ethnic group unique norms is back to the political arena as effort to be recognize by the state. One important aspect in their struggle is to put its customary laws as influencing factor thru the regional election as event to vote for the regional government head or the regent. It seem as their responds after experienced worst condition during the New Order Era period (1966 – 1998) under Suharto. During this era, customary law as one of this community principle of life was eliminated from its usual position as part of the regime policies over the multi-ethnicities in Indonesia. Since the New Order regime fell in 1998, the condition seems change. The Indigenous people tends return to the top including in political recruitment. This paper showed how this ethnic group was utilize the regional election was in 2015 as effort to bring their adat as crucial factor during the event process. Thru the legal pluralism perspective, this paper shows how the toraja ethnic group deal with the regional election event to assure the process and its result based on their adat. It needed to indicate that customary law is return as significant aspect in their land and successfully get the state recognition.

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