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APPENDICES

Appendices 2

Synopsis of Rainbow Troops Novel, by Andrea Hirata and translate in English version by Angie Kilbane.

Story starts from education in Belitong Island. When Indonesia is taken over by colonialist. Belanda took over Belitong Island, NTT (Nusa Tenggara Timur) because that is one of richest island with a tin. Now, Indonesia was independent and the tin was taken over by Indonesian Government. In this case, government means the staff that lives in elite area (the estate). The poor people (low level) had to work as coolie in their nation with low payment, it was so irony condition. Government has a plan to make the Belitong advance, especially in economic and education because they have close relation.

PN School (Perusahaan Negeri). PN School is rich institute; it is built by government as one of the plan to advance Belitong. In PN school has many facilities in education with high payment. In contrast, SD Muhammadiyah was poor school with many shortages. So, SD Muhammadiyah had to shut to shift the people seen in education, that it is important. Consequence, the children has to make every effort to defend their school, because they do not able to get education in PN School. One way to shut the Muhammadiyah Elementary School is prevailed rules in

building school, it is minimal 10 students in a school. In this case, Muhammadiyah school is qualify, although they get trouble in initial.

Ten students called Laskar Pelangi, they are, Ikal aka Andrea Hirata, Lintang; Lintang Samudra Basara bin Syahbani Maulana Basara, Sahara; N.A. Sahara Aulia Fadillah binti K.A. Muslim Ramdhani Fadillah, Mahar; Mahar Ahlan bin Jumadi Ahlan bin Zubair bin Awam, A Kiong (Chau Chin Kiong); Muhammad Jundullah Gufron Nur Zaman, Syahdan; Syahdan Noor Aziz bin Syahari Noor Aziz, Kucai; Mukharam Kucai Khairani, Borek aka Samson, Trapani; Trapani Ihsan Jamari bin Zainuddin Ilham Jamari, Harun; Harun Ardhli Ramadan bin Syamsul Hazana Ramadan.

They study hard in cost limit but still happy. Sometimes they study in future; visit many places: Tanjong Pandan, Pelintang Pulau Birds, and Pangkalan Punai Beach. Many agenda like “Kemah” to distinguish the nature and study grateful all condition, do not easy to give up, because by the truth will change into the better condition.

A competition to put up a good fight their school, Lintang, Ikal, and Sahara, they fight with competition; answer many question. A problem appears when Lintang’s answer about sciene “Newton Ring Theory” it is reputed wrong by Mrs. Zulfikar. Many debates happen. Finally they made points. Next day, Smandikun as supervisor checks Muhammadiyah

Elementary School, and give question to students to check their capability, one of students is Harun an idiot student in Muhammadiyah Elementary School, he has to show his capability in education as sign of education expedience.

Finally, in last story Laskar Pelangi have been graduated at Muhammadiyah Elementary School except Lintang, because in middle his father passed away then he has to terminate his school. Lintang initially work as post officer, but he success to continue his study in Europe, also looking for many experience then write a book.

The last message of writer is everyone has to love the story as much as she do but, for me “make a culture about reading”.

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