



**An Analysis of Techniques and Accuracy
in Consecutive Interpreting from Indonesian to Japanese**
A Case Study of The Indonesian Presidential State Speech

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ABSTRACT

This research aims to determine the consecutive interpreting techniques used and the accuracy of interpreting produced in the oral translation of the state speech of the President of the Republic of Indonesia which was translated from Indonesian into Japanese. This research uses a descriptive qualitative method with data collection techniques such as triangulation, non-participatory technique, note-taking technique, and interview. This research uses interpreting techniques proposed by Jones (2002) to analyze the techniques and used parameters for assessing the accuracy of the interpretation proposed by Saehu (2018) and Nababan, Nuraeni, and Sumardiono (2012) to assess the quality of the interpretation. Based on the results of the analysis, it was found that the most used technique was omission. Omission is most widely used to clarify important messages that must be conveyed to listeners by ignoring things that are considered less important. However, the use of the omission technique causes many translation results to be less accurate because there are still messages from the source language that are not conveyed completely into the target language. Based on the analysis, it is also found that the theory of interpreting techniques proposed by Jones is not suitable for consecutive interpreting because it cannot accommodate all utterances in consecutive interpreting. After all, there are no data that use anticipation techniques and there are interpreting processes that do not use interpreting techniques at all based on the theory proposed by Jones. Future researchers can use more than one technique or can use other theories that can strengthen, support, and even deepen to analyze consecutive interpreting techniques and assess their accuracy. Future researchers can also assess the quality of an interpretation with several experts so that the results can be more objective.

KEYWORDS

Accuracy of interpreting; Consecutive interpreting; Interpreting techniques; Presidential Speech.

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INTRODUCTION

Based on Article 5 and Article 12 of the Presidential Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia Number 63 of 2019, it is stated that in official state speeches, Indonesian is still required to be used by the president, vice president, and other state officials,

both official speeches delivered abroad and domestically. The delivery of the speech can be accompanied by an interpreter to translate it into the target language. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs explains that oral translation can be called interpreting, while oral translators can be called interpreters. An interpreter must be able and

proficient in translating speeches delivered by the president, vice president, and other state officials from Indonesian to other foreign languages, and vice versa.

Interpreting is divided into two types based on the method, one of which is consecutive interpreting (Dong, 2018). Syahputra, Amri, and Sagala (2021) explain that in consecutive interpreting, the speaker's speech is conveyed into the Target Language (hence, TL) by the interpreter after the speaker has finished delivering his speech in the Source Language (hence, SL). The speaker stops for a moment, then the interpreter translates it into TL before continuing his speech. Saehu (2018) also said that one of the distinctive characteristics of consecutive interpreting is that there is a pause at the turn of a segment, namely a pause between the speaker's speech in the SL and the translation in the TL.

The Association of Indonesian Conference Interpreters (AICI) explains that an interpreter needs to utilize all the linguistic abilities he has and needs to pay attention to language variety, rhythm, intonation, rhetorical elements, and language. The body of the speaker when conveying the speaker's message back in oral form (AICI Interpreter, n.d.). However, interpreters do not have time to look for appropriate equivalent words in the TL, cannot look at a dictionary, or use all the facilities provided to translate, so interpreters must be able to listen, capture, understand, analyze, and reproduce the speaker's message in a short time and at very high speed. In addition, in interpreting, communication takes place at that time and involves direct interaction between the speaker, listener, and interpreter. Therefore, apart from proficiency in linguistics, interpreters are also required to be proficient in communicating and conveying information to listeners.

The skills and challenges faced by an interpreter indicate that interpreting is not a one-off process and the ability to interpret is not acquired instantly. One example is becoming an official interpreter for a government agency. To become an interpreter in a government institution, many requirements must be met. Based on Minister of Law and Human Rights Regulation No. 29/2016, it is understood that an interpreter who becomes an official interpreter for government agencies must be sworn. A sworn interpreter is someone who has expertise in interpreting and is sworn in by the minister who organizes government affairs in the field of law and human rights. In addition, there are also Indonesian National Work Competency

Standards which serve as a benchmark for competency standardization for interpreters, as contained in the Decree of the Minister of Manpower Number 198 of 2021. These work competency standards are prepared to serve as a reference so that the selected and assigned interpreters are interpreters who have the qualifications of expertise as interpreters. These qualifications include having a high level of proficiency in both the SL and the TL, skills in understanding and using the language of diplomacy, and a deep understanding of the material. Fulfillment of these qualifications is a must.

Baihaqi (2017) explains that evaluation in translation is intended to determine the level of accuracy, clarity, and fluency of an interpreter. In assessing the level of accuracy, Saehu (2018) stated that accuracy assessment is the accuracy of the meaning of the message conveyed verbally from the SL into the TL. The accuracy assessment according to Nababan, Nuraeni, and Sumardiono (2012) can also be seen from technical terms, the meaning of words, phrases, clauses, or sentences that are accurately translated from the language into the language, and there is no distortion of meaning. Based on the translation accuracy assessment instruments created by Saehu (2018) and Nababan, Nuraeni, and Sumardiono (2012), the translation accuracy assessment can be grouped into three assessment categories as follows.

1. Accurate

A translation is accurate if: 1) the message of the SL does not change even though it is transformed into the TL, 2) technical terms, meanings of words, phrases, clauses or sentences, or texts from the SL are accurately translated into the TL, and 3) no distortion of meaning occurs at all. Accurate translation results are given a score of 3.

2. Less accurate

The translation is said to be less accurate if: 1) there is a reduction of the message from the SL and the important message from the SL is not fully conveyed in the TL, 2) most of the technical terms, meanings of words, phrases, clauses, sentences, or texts from the SL have been accurately translated into the TL, and 3) there are still meaning distortions, translations with double meanings, or there are omitted meanings that interfere with the integrity of the message. Less accurate translation results are given a score of 2.

3. Inaccurate

A translation is said to be inaccurate if: 1) the message conveyed in the TL does not accommodate the message of the source language at all, and 2) technical terms, word meanings, phrases, sentence clauses, or texts from the SL are translated inaccurately into the TL or even omitted to disrupt the integrity of the message. Inaccurate translation results are given a score of 1.

Syahputra, Amri, and Sagala (2021) conveyed that the quality of the interpreting can be determined by the interpreting technique used by the interpreter. An interpreting technique is a technique used to facilitate the interpreter in reproducing the closest equivalent meaning from the source language into the target language. In consecutive interpreting, the interpreter is expected to have a strong memory, quick thinking, and good concentration. This is because the interpreter does not have much time to understand, analyze, and reproduce the message from the original into the new language. Jones (2002, p. 80-112) describes nine kinds of interpreting techniques that can be used in the process of interpreting, namely:

1. Reformulation

The reformulation technique is used by reformulating the original words from the source language into the target language with the closest meaning to the actual meaning.

2. The Salami technique

The Salami technique is used by slicing a long speech into shorter sentences.

3. Efficiency in reformulation

Efficiency in reformulation techniques is used so that the reformulation techniques applied can be used more efficiently. Some things that can be done so that the reformulation can be used more efficiently include: 1) eliminating unnecessary filler words, 2) not taking rhetorical precautions by using phrases such as “may I say”, “if you like”, “if you understand what I am saying/meaning” and so on, 3) avoiding unnecessary repetition, 4) choosing the shortest form possible, and 5) not using too many words so that the speaker’s message can be emphasized with an efficient form.

4. Simplification

Simplification techniques are used by using simpler words and sentence structures.

5. Generalization

The generalization technique is used when the speaker expresses specific things and is then

mentioned with one general term by the interpreter.

6. Omission

The omission technique is used to clarify the main message while retaining the important elements and omitting words that are merely supplementary.

7. Summarizing and recapitulation

The summarizing and recapitulation technique is used by providing a summary that serves to replace the full text by adding the summary to the full text and recapitulating the main ideas.

8. Explanation

The explanation technique is used by explaining the idea when it is first mentioned by the speaker and the translator can refer to it in a shorter form afterward.

9. Anticipation

The anticipation technique is used by using the word that comes to mind to translate the speaker’s speech first before the speaker finishes speaking because the interpreter knows clearly how the sentence ends.

Research on interpreting has been conducted previously by several researchers, including Khrisna (2008) who examined the factors, strategies, impacts, and techniques of interpreting that affect the quality of the translation with the source of the Revival Service program. Aryanto (2015) examined foreign language interference and interpreting techniques used in the activities of Dian Nuswantoro University students majoring in Japanese literature class of 2010. Maharani (2019) examined the appropriate and inappropriate techniques for Chinese cultural terms and the quality of translation produced based on the interpreting techniques used. Saragih and Solikhan (2021) examined the quality and factors affecting student interpreting results.

What distinguishes the previous studies from this study is that this study focuses on analyzing the interpreting techniques and the accuracy of the interpreting of the state speech translated from Indonesian into Japanese. As explained in the Minister of Law and Human Rights Regulation No. 29/2016, a person who wants to become an official translator must be an expert in translating to become a sworn translator so that his/her expertise can be recognized. One concrete example that can be found is being an official interpreter assigned to interpret speeches delivered by the president orally. The interpreter must master the state terms well to convey the content of the speech appropriately to the listeners. Thus, this research is conducted by

analyzing the state speech to understand how an official interpreter translates through the interpreting techniques used and the accuracy of the interpreting produced.

The accuracy of the interpreting done by the interpreter in the state speech can be seen from the way the interpreter utilizes and applies interpreting techniques so that the message from the source language into the target language can be conveyed precisely and accurately. Therefore, this study aims to: 1) find out the consecutive interpreting techniques used by the interpreter in the State Address of the President of the Republic of Indonesia, and 2) find out the accuracy of the interpreting produced in the State Address of the President of the Republic of Indonesia. The results of this study are expected to deepen the theory for learning to interpret, especially the theory of interpreting techniques and the assessment of the accuracy of interpreting.

METHODS

This research uses the descriptive qualitative method that focuses on examining a natural object's condition and understanding the meaning, uniqueness, or certain phenomena (Sugiyono, 2022).

The data sources of this research are video recordings of speeches at the official welcoming ceremony of Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga at the Bogor Presidential Palace on October 20th, 2020 and speeches at the official welcoming ceremony of President Joko Widodo by Prime Minister Kishida Fumio in Tokyo on July 27th, 2022 uploaded on youtube. Saputri (2019) and Saputra, Saleh, and Maria (2020) found that in several speeches delivered by President Joko Widodo, there was the use of several language styles, such as repetition, and there were several words and sentences that were not in accordance with the standard form in Indonesian. Thus, the speeches analyzed in this study use video recordings with President Joko Widodo as the main speaker to analyze and understand the way interpreters translate and readjust them in the target language so that the messages conveyed can still be understood properly and precisely.

The data collection technique used in this research is data triangulation which is done by collecting the required data while testing the credibility of the data by using other techniques in data collection, non-participatory techniques, note-

taking techniques, and interviews. The result is a transcript containing the speaker's speech in Indonesian and the translation by the interpreter in Japanese.

The researcher also conducted a structured interview with an in-house interpreter who has been an interpreter for 13 years, Mr. Heru Erlangga. The interview was conducted to find out the interpreter's experience in the field of interpreting, especially about the challenges faced in the field of interpreting, the advantages and disadvantages of each type of interpreting, and the quality assessment of the interpreting. The researcher prepared the questions to be asked to the interviewees in advance before starting the interview. The researcher also asked for help from an expert judgment to assess the results of interpreting in Japanese to make the assessment more objective, namely Ms. Kaede Toguchi a Japanese language lecturer at the State University of Jakarta.

The data analysis in this study used Jones' (2002) theory on interpreting techniques and Saehu's (2018) and Nababan, Nuraeni, and Sumardiono's (2012) theories on assessing the accuracy of interpreting. The stages of data analysis in this study are as follows.

1. Understanding the translation by the interpreter.
2. Observing the changes in word meaning between the speech in the source language and the translation in the target language.
3. Explaining the changes in word meaning that occur in the translation.
4. Identify the interpreting techniques used by the interpreter.
5. Making conclusions about the interpreting techniques used by the interpreter.
6. Assessing the accuracy of the interpreting based on the judgment assisted by an expert judgment.

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

The results of the data analysis are presented in accordance with the objectives of this study, namely on the interpreting techniques used and on the accuracy of the translation produced from the State of the Nation Address of the President of the Republic of Indonesia translated orally into Japanese.

Interpreting Techniques

The following Table 1 shows the results of the analysis of 32 data based on the techniques used.

Table 1: Recapitulation of Data Analysis Results Based on the Use of Interpreting Techniques.

Interpreting Technique	Data Total	Data Number	Percentage
Reformulation	21	20-3, 20-4, 20-5, 20-6, 20-7, 20-8, 20-9, 20-12, 20-13, 20-14, 20-16, 22-1, 22-4, 22-5, 22-7, 22-10, 22-11, 22-12, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15	66%
The Salami Technique	1	20-1	3%
Efficiency in Reformulation	1	22-8	3%
Simplification	4	20-15, 20-17, 22-10, 22-14	13%
Generalization	1	22-3	3%
Omission	23	20-2, 20-3, 20-4, 20-5, 20-7, 20-8, 20-9, 20-10, 20-11, 20-12, 20-13, 20-14, 20-15, 20-16, 20-17, 22-2, 22-3, 22-4, 22-5, 22-12, 22-13, 22-14, 22-16	72%
Summarizing and Recapitulation	1	22-6	3%
Explanation	1	22-11	3%
Anticipation	0	-	0%

Based on Table 1, it can be seen that the most used interpreting technique in the oral translation of the state address of the President of the Republic of Indonesia is the omission technique of 23 data (72%), followed by the reformulation technique of 21 data (66%), and the simplification technique of 4 data (13%). The salami technique, efficiency in reformulation, generalization, summarizing and recapitulating, and explanation were each found in 1 data (3%).

The omission technique is the most used by the interpreter because it aims to clarify the substance of

the important message to be conveyed in the TL by eliminating only additional elements, as Jones (2002, p.102) said, “interpreter must cary on making their analysis of the speech so that they keep in the essential elements and miss out only what is illustrative or in some other way accessory (such as asides, digressions, etc.)”.

The reformulation technique is the second most used by interpreters because it aims to find an equivalent that is closest and in accordance with the meaning conveyed by the speaker so that the speaker’s message can still be conveyed with a meaning that is closest to the original meaning. As explained by Jones (2002, p.81) regarding the use of the reformulation technique, namely “Long, complicated sentences are to be broken down into a series of easier, shorter ones; relative and subordinate clauses can be shifted around within a sentence; active clauses changed into passive or deponent ones (or vice versa); and so on”.

The simplification technique is the third most used technique because it aims to convey important messages in a simpler form. In state speeches, the language used is the official language and there are many special terms related to statehood, so simplification is carried out to maximize communication so that important messages can still be conveyed in a very short time even by using simpler forms. This explained by Jones (2002) as that the speech is so technical that the interpreter, despite their best efforts to prepare a meeting and despite documentation made available to them, just cannot render all of the technical details. In such a case, they must at least try to save the essentials by simplification.

The Salami techniques, efficiency in reformulation, generalization, summarizing and recapitulating, and explanations are very rarely used by interpreters because these techniques are not suitable for translating messages or technical terms that contain agreements between the two countries. The speaker does not take too long when delivering his speech, so the sentences translated are also not too long. Apart from that, there are many important discussions conveyed by the speaker relating to treaties and agreements between the two countries, so the interpreter must maintain these important messages without reducing them or immediately concluding the entire message so that it can be conveyed appropriately to the listener according to what is intended. The audience who are listeners are also state officials who already understand the special terms that are often used in state meetings,

so the interpreter doesn't need to explain these special terms again.

In the same speech, there can be more than one translation technique used. The following is an example of a discussion of each interpreting technique.

Reformulation

There are 21 data out of a total of 32 data that use reformulation techniques. The reformulation technique is used by reformulating words or sentence structures with equivalent words or sentences that have the closest meaning to the actual meaning (see Data 22-15).

Data 22-15

SL: *Untuk kawasan Indo-Pasifik, tahun depan Indonesia akan menjadi ketua ASEAN dan Jepang akan menjadi ketua G7. Kami akan terus berkoordinasi dalam merumuskan agenda prioritas keketuaan agar lebih memberikan kontribusi terhadap perdamaian dan kesejahteraan di kawasan dan di dunia.*

For the Indo-Pacific region, next year Indonesia will become chairman of ASEAN and Japan will become chairman of the G7. We will continue to coordinate in formulating the chairmanship's priority agenda to further contribute to peace and prosperity in the region and the world.

TL: *そして、来年はインド太平洋の話につきましてはですね、インドネシアは ASEAN の議長国、そして日本は G7 の議長国となります。そういうことで、世界と地域の平和及び繁栄に寄与すべく議長国としてお互い優先アジェンダを作成していく中で、常に調整をしてまいりたいと思います。*

Soshite, rainen wa indotaiheiyou no hanashi ni tsukimashite wa desu ne, Indoneshia wa ASEAN no gichoukoku, soshite Nihon wa G7 no gichoukoku to narimasu. Sou iu koto de, sekai to chiiki no heiwa oyobi han'ei ni kiyo subeku gichou-koku toshite otagai yuusen agenda o sakuseishite iku naka de, tsuneni chousei o shite mairitai to omoimasu.

Next year, Indonesia will chair ASEAN and Japan will chair the G7. As such, as chairing countries, we will continue to coordinate with each other in developing a mutual priority agenda to contribute to peace and prosperity in the world and the region.

In data number 22-15, the term “*keketuaan*” (chairmanship) is reformulated into 「互い」 (*tagai*). The definition of “*keketuaan*” according to KBBI Kemdikbud is “the thing about the chairman/leader”. The word “*keketuaan*” comes from the root word “*ketua*” which means “a person who heads or leads a meeting, council, association, etc.”. Indonesia and Japan are the lead organizers of ASEAN and G7. The interpreter uses the word 「互い」 (*tagai*) which means “each other/mutual” to refer to the two countries, so “chairmanship's priority agenda” is translated as 「お互い優先アジェンダ」 (*otagai yuusen agenda*) which means “mutual priority agenda (between Indonesia and Japan)”.

The Salami Technique

There is 1 data out of a total of 32 data that uses the salami technique. The Salami technique is an interpreting technique that is done by dividing one long utterance into several shorter utterances. An example of the use of the Salami technique is as follows.

Data 20-1

SL: *Assalaamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuh¹. Yang Mulia Perdana Menteri Yoshihide Suga, merupakan suatu kehormatan bagi saya dan seluruh rakyat Indonesia, sore ini dapat menyambut kedatangan³ Perdana Menteri Jepang yang baru², Yang Mulia Yoshihide Suga beserta seluruh delegasi.*

Assalaamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuh¹. It is an honor for me and all the people of Indonesia to welcome this afternoon³ the new Prime Minister of Japan², His Excellency Yoshihide Suga, and his delegation.

- TL: 1. まず神様の恩恵により、皆様に訪れることを期待します。
Mazu kamisama no onkei ni yori, minasama ni otozureru koto o kitai shimasu.
We hope that it will come to you first by God's grace.
2. そして、我々は本日、インドネシアに日本国の新たな首脳があります。
Soshite, wareware wa honjitsu, Indoneshia ni Nipponkoku no aratana shunou ga arimasu.
And we have today a new Head of State of Japan in Indonesia.

3. 菅義偉様を迎えしておりますので、そのお迎えしても非常に光栄に思います。

Suga Yoshihide-sama o mukae shite orimasunode, sono omukae shite mo hijou ni kouei ni omoimasu.

We are very honored to welcome Mr. Yoshihide Suga.

In data number 20-1, the interpreter divides one long utterance into three shorter utterances so that the three utterances can be connected with the same meaning as the original. The first utterance “Assalaamu’alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuh” is translated into 「まず神様の恩恵により、皆様に訪れることを期待します。」 (*Mazu kamisama no onkei ni yori, minasama ni otozureru koto o kitai shimasu.*) which means “we hope that it will come to you first by God’s grace”. The second utterance was divided and changed to 「そして、我々は本日インドネシアに日本国の新たな首脳があります。」 (*Soshite, wareware wa honjitsu, Indonesia ni Nipponkoku no aratana shunou ga arimasu.*) which means “And we have today a new Head of State of Japan in Indonesia”. The third utterance was divided and changed to 「菅義偉様を迎えしておりますので、そのお迎えしても非常に光栄に思います。」 (*Suga Yoshihide-sama o mukae shite orimasunode, sono omukae shite mo hijou ni kouei ni omoimasu.*) which means “We are very honored to welcome Mr. Yoshihide Suga”.

Efficiency in Reformulation

There is 1 data out of a total of 32 data that uses efficiency in the reformulation technique. The efficiency in the reformulation technique is used by reformulating and using the shortest form possible so that the reformulation technique applied can be used more efficiently (see the following Data 22-8).

Data 22-8

SL: ~~Kemudian~~, [pengembangan] kawasan industri di Papua Barat.
Then, [development] of industrial areas in West Papua.

TL: パプア西部の工業地域の開発。
Papua seibu no kougyou chiiki no kaihatsu.
Development of industrial areas in western Papua.

In data number 22-8, the conjunction “then” is omitted because its existence is only complementary and does not affect the important message conveyed by the speaker. The interpreter also added the word 「開発」 (*kaihatsu*) “development” to clarify the speaker’s intention that the matter being discussed is about the development of an industrial area in West Papua. Thus, the translation becomes 「パプア西部の工業地域の開発。」 (*Papua seibu no kougyou chiiki no kaihatsu.*) which means “development of industrial areas in western Papua”.

Simplification

There are 4 data out of a total of 32 data that use simplification techniques. The simplification technique is used by using simpler words and sentence structures to save the things that are important to convey. Examples of the use of simplification techniques are as follows.

Data 22-14

SL: *Terkait isu-isu regional dan global, saya menyampaikan penghargaan atas dukungan Jepang terhadap Presidensi Indonesia di G20 untuk memberikan kontribusi signifikan bagi pemulihan ekonomi global.*

Regarding regional and global issues, I express my appreciation for Japan’s support for the Indonesian Presidency at the G20 to make a significant contribution to global economic recovery.

TL: そして地域、そして国際的な課題につきましても話し合いをしまして、日本からはG20の議長国としてのインドネシアへの支援の表明をいただき、そしてこのG20を国際的な経済危機のからの回復、これにつきまして寄与していきたいとします。

Soshite chiiki, soshite kokusai-tekina kadai ni tsukimashite mo hanashiai o shimashite, Nihon kara wa G20 no gichou-koku to shite no Indonesia e no shien no hyoumei o itadaki, soshite kono G20 o kokusai-tekina keizai kiki no kara no kaifuku, kore ni tsukimashite kiyō shite ikitai to omoimasu.

We will also discuss regional and international issues, and hope that Japan will express its support for Indonesia as the chair country of the G20, and that this G20 will contribute to Indonesia’s recovery from the international economic crisis.

In data number 22-14, the clause “*memberikan kontribusi yang signifikan*” (made a significant contribution) is translated into 「寄与して」 (*kiyo shite*) which means “contributed”. The sentence is simplified by the interpreter to make it easier for the listeners to understand the speaker’s intention of making a “contribution” to the global economic recovery. Thus, it can be understood that the interpreter used the simplification technique to simplify the clause “*memberikan kontribusi yang signifikan*” (made a significant contribution).

Generalization

There is 1 data out of a total of 32 data that uses the generalization technique. The generalization technique is used by using one general term to express specific things. Examples of the use of the generalization technique are as follows.

Data 22-3

SL: *Dalam pertemuan saya dan Perdana Menteri Kishida, kami telah menyepakati banyak hal. Kita sepakat protokol perubahan IJEPA dapat diselesaikan dan ditandatangani pada KTT G20 di Bali, November mendatang.*

In my meeting with Prime Minister Kishida, we have agreed on many things. We agree that the IJEPA amendment protocol can be finalized and signed at the G20 Summit in Bali, next November.

TL: *そして、先ほどの会議におきまして、多くのことにつきまして、岸田首相とは合意に至りました。そのなかには、本年十一月にバリ島で開催されるG20のサミットにおいて、EPAの改正議定書の署名をするということによって一致をいたしました。*

Soshite, sakihodo no kaigi ni okimashite, ooku no koto ni tsukimashite, Kishida shushou to wa goui ni itarimashita. Sono naka ni wa, hon'nen juu ichi gatsu ni Baritou de kaisaisareru G20 no samitto ni oite, EPA no kaisei giteisho no shomei o suru to iu koto de itchi o itashimashita.

At the recent meeting, we reached an agreement with Prime Minister Kishida on several matters. Among them, we agreed to sign the Protocol on the Amendment to the EPA at the G20 Summit to be held in Bali in November this year.

In data number 22-3, the term ‘IJEPA’ stands for “Indonesia-Japan Economic Partnership

Agreement”. The interpreter uses the term ‘EPA’ which stands for “Economic Partnership Agreement”. The interpreter uses the more general term ‘EPA’, which means that an economic partnership agreement has been concluded between Indonesia and Japan.

Omission

There are 23 data out of a total of 32 data that use the omission technique. The omission technique is used to clarify the core of the message by retaining important elements and eliminating only additional words. Examples of the use of omission techniques are as follows.

Data 22-2

SL: *Kepada kekaisaran, pemerintah, dan juga masyarakat Jepang, saya atas nama masyarakat Indonesia, sekali lagi menyampaikan dukacita yang mendalam atas meninggalnya mantan Perdana Menteri Jepang Shinzo Abe.*

To the Japanese empire, government, and people, I, on behalf of the Indonesian people, ~~once again~~ express my deep condolences for the death of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

TL: *そして、インドネシア国民を代表いたしまして、日本の皇室、政府、国民の皆様には安倍元総理がご逝去されたことにつきまして、死んで深い哀悼の意を表したいと思えます。*

Soshite, Indonesia kokumin o daiyou itashimashite, Nihon no koushitsu, seifu, kokumin no minasama ni wa Abe moto souri ga goseikyo saita koto ni tsukimashite, shinde fukai aitou no you o arawashitai to omoimasu.

On behalf of the Indonesian people, I would also like to express our deepest condolences to the Japanese Imperial Family, government, and people on the passing of former Prime Minister Abe.

In data number 22-2, the word “*sekali lagi*” is not translated by the interpreter because it is only an addition and does not affect the core of the message. The interpreter only conveys what needs to be conveyed to the listener that President Jokowi as a representative of the Indonesian people expresses his deep sorrow, so the translation becomes 「死んで深い哀悼の意を表したいと思えます。」 (*shinde fukai aitou no you o arawashitai to omoimasu.*)

which means “I would also like to express our deepest condolences”.

Summarizing and Recapitulation

There is 1 data from a total of 32 data that uses summarizing and recapitulating techniques. Summarizing and recapitulating techniques are used by summarizing the speaker's speech. The summary serves to replace the complete speech by adding the summary to the complete speech and recapitulating the main idea. Examples of the use of summarizing and recapitulating techniques are as follows.

Data 22-6

SL: *Beberapa proyek strategis yang saya sampaikan agar dipercepat penyelesaiannya, antara lain...*
Some of the strategic projects that I conveyed so that completion could be accelerated include...

TL: *そして、戦略的なインドネシアの事業としましては次の通りでございます。*
Soshite, senryaku-tekina Indonesia no jigyou to shimashite wa tsugi no toori degozaimasu.
And our strategic Indonesian operations are as follows.

Explanation

There is 1 data from a total of 32 data that uses the explanation technique. The explanation technique is used by providing a brief explanation at the beginning of the term mentioned regarding a term that still sounds foreign. An example of the use of explanation technique is as follows.

Data 22-11

SL: *Kami terus mengharapkan dukungan pengetahuan dan teknologi baru Jepang untuk mendukung beberapa proyek strategis Indonesia, terutama untuk hilirisasi komoditas alam, pengembangan mobil dan motor listrik, serta sektor kesehatan dan pangan.*

We continue to expect the support of Japan's new knowledge and technologies to support some of Indonesia's strategic projects, especially for the downstream of natural commodities, the development of electric cars and motorcycles, as well as the health and food sectors.

TL: *そして、インドネシアにおける戦略的な事業があります。自然資源の工業化、そしてイーブイ、電動バイク、そしてヌサンタラ新都心開発、それから保健医療、食料の分野での日本が持つ新たな知見と技術の支援を我々はお願いをいたしました。*

Soshite, Indonesia ni okeru senryaku-tekina jigyou ga arimasu. Shizen shigen no kougyouka, soshite ibui, dendou baiku, soshite Nusantara shintoshin kaihatsu, sorekara hoken iryou, shokuryou no bun'ya de no Nihon ga motsu aratana chiken to gijutsu no shien o wareware wa onegai o itashimashita.

Then there are the strategic projects in Indonesia. We have asked for support for the industrialization of natural resources, e-bikes, electric motorcycles, the development of the Nusantara new urban center, and new Japanese knowledge and technology in the fields of healthcare and food.

In data number 22-11, the interpreter uses the term ‘EV’ (*electric vehicle*) which means “machine with electric power” to translate the words “*mobil dan motor listrik*”. The interpreter briefly explains the term ‘EV’, namely 「電動バイク」 (*dendou baiku*) which means “motor with electric power”. Thus, “*mobil dan motor listrik*” is translated as 「イーブイ、電動バイク」 (*ibui, dendou baiku*) which means “EV (*electric vehicle*), a motorbike driven by electric power”.

The Accuracy of Interpreting

Table 2 is the result of the assessment of the accuracy of the interpreting results from 32 data.

Based on Table 2, it can be seen that the interpreter produced the most less accurate translations of as many as 19 data (59.38%), accurate translation results of as many as 10 data (31.25%), and inaccurate translation results of as many as 3 data (9.38%). The interpreter produced translations that are less accurate because they can be influenced by interpreting techniques that are not suitable for translation. The techniques that are most widely used and produce less accurate translations are omission and reformulation. The use of omission techniques often results in less accurate translations because the message from the SL is not conveyed completely in the TL. The use of reformulation techniques also produces translations that are less accurate because the interpreter uses many forms of words or other sentence structures

with meanings that are less accurate and less appropriate to the original meaning so the message conveyed by the interpreter is less complete and less accurate.

Table 2: Recapitulation of Interpreting Accuracy Assessment Results.

Accuracy Level	Data Total	Data Number	Percentage
Accurate	10	20-7, 20-12, 20-13, 20-15, 20-17, 22-2, 22-3, 22-7, 22-8, 22-16	31,25%
Less Accurate	19	20-1, 20-2, 20-3, 20-5, 20-6, 20-8, 20-9, 20-10, 20-11, 22-1, 22-4, 22-5, 22-6, 22-10, 22-11, 22-12, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15	59,38%
Inaccurate	3	20-4, 20-14, 20-16	9,38%

From the results of the analysis, it is known that the quality of interpreting in this study and previous research conducted by Saragih and Solikhan (2021) cannot be equated because the focus of assessing the quality of interpreting is different. Saragih and Solikhan (2021) focus on assessing the overall quality of interpreting by assessing accuracy, fluency, and clarity based on Saehu's theory (2018), while this research only focuses on assessing the level of accuracy by combining proprietary theories of Nababan, Nuraeni, and Sumardiono (2012) and Saehu (2018). Saragih and Solikhan's (2021) research also focuses on assessing the quality of translation results carried out by students, while this research focuses on assessing the quality of translation results carried out by official interpreters, and the assessment is assisted by an expert judgment, resulting in research results that are different from each other.

The following is an example of a discussion of each category of accuracy level of interpreting.

Accurate

There are 10 data out of a total of 32 data which are accurate translation results because the message from the source language does not change even if it is converted into the target language, there is no distortion of meaning at all, and technical terms, meanings of words, phrases, sentence clauses, or text from the language the source is translated

accurately into the target language. An example of an accurate translation result is as follows.

Data 20-13

SL: *Saya tadi juga mendorong Jepang untuk ikut berpartisipasi dalam Sovereign Wealth Fund Indonesia.*

I also encouraged Japan to participate in Indonesia's Sovereign Wealth Fund.

TL: *そしてインドネシアのソブリンウェルスファンド、これについても日本が参画していただけるようお願いしております。*

Soshite Indoneshia no soburin werusu fando, kore ni tsuite mo Nihon ga sankaku shite itadakeru you onegai shite orimasu.

We have also asked Japan to participate in Indonesia's sovereign wealth fund.

In data numbers 20-13, the main message of SL does not change even though it is translated into TL. The verb "*mendorong*" (push) according to the KBBI Ministry of Education and Culture dictionary can mean "to urge or force someone to do something" and this verb is translated as 「お願い」 (*onegai*) which means "to ask". The verb "to ask" according to the KBBI Ministry of Education and Culture dictionary can mean "to say something in order to be given or get something; please". From the speaker's speech, there is the impression that the speaker "requested" that Japan participate in Indonesia's Sovereign Wealth Fund. Thus, the main message that must be conveyed to listeners has not changed, that Indonesia asks Japan to participate in Indonesia's Sovereign Wealth Fund.

Less Accurate

There are 19 data out of a total of 32 data which are the result of less accurate translation because there is a reduction of the message from the source language and important messages from the source language are not conveyed completely in the target language, mostly technical terms, meanings of words, phrases, clauses, sentences, or texts from the source language have been translated accurately into the target language, and there are still distortions of meaning, translations with double meanings, or meanings have been omitted that disrupt the integrity of the message. Examples of less accurate translation results are as follows.

Data 20-1

SL: *Assalaamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuh. Yang Mulia Perdana Menteri Yoshihide Suga, merupakan suatu kehormatan bagi saya dan seluruh rakyat Indonesia, sore ini dapat menyambut kedatangan Perdana Menteri Jepang yang baru, Yang Mulia Yoshihide Suga beserta seluruh delegasi.*

Assalaamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuh. It is an honor for me and all the people of Indonesia to welcome this afternoon the new Prime Minister of Japan, His Excellency Yoshihide Suga, and his delegation.

TL: まず神様の恩恵により、皆様に訪れることを期待します。そして、我々は本日、インドネシアに日本国の新たな首脳があります。菅義偉様を迎えしておりますので、そのお迎えでも非常に光栄に思います。

Mazu kamisama no onkei ni yori, minasama ni otozureru koto o kitai shimasu. Soshite, wareware wa honjitsu, Indoneshia ni Nihonkoku no aratana shunou ga arimasu. Suga Yoshihide-sama o mukae shite orimasunode, sono omukae shite mo hijou ni kouei ni omoimasu.

First, by God's grace, we hope to visit you all. And we have today a new Head of State of Japan in Indonesia. We have Mr. Yoshihide Suga, and we are very honored to welcome him.

In data number 20-1, the words "...menyambut kedatangan Perdana Menteri Jepang yang baru" was translated to 「日本国の新たな首脳があります」 (*Nihonkoku no aratana shunou ga arimasu*) which means "there is a new Prime Minister of Japan". The interpreter does not translate it according to the message conveyed by the speaker, so there is a reduction in the message from SL to TL. According to expert judgment, this speech can be translated as 「新しい首相をお招きいたしました」 (*atarashii shushou o omaneki itashimashita*) which means "we invite the new Prime Minister of Japan" to protect the message from the SL so that the meaning of the message remains intact in the TL. The use of 「期待します」 (*kitai shimasu*) can also be adjusted by using a more polite form, namely 「期待しております」 (*kitai shite orimasu*). The speaker is expressing his gratitude to the Almighty, so the form used must be very polite to show a sense of majesty to the Almighty.

Inaccurate

There are 3 data out of a total of 32 data which are the result of inaccurate translation because the message conveyed in the target language does not accommodate the message from the source language at all. Technical terms, word meanings, phrases, sentence clauses, or text from the source language are translated inaccurately into the target language or even omitted, thereby disrupting the integrity of the message. Examples of inaccurate translation results are as follows.

Data 20-4

SL: *Beberapa hal yang telah kita bahas dalam pertemuan antara lain yang pertama, kerja sama pengelolaan pandemi covid-19.*

Some of the things we have discussed in the meeting include the first, cooperation in managing the Covid-19 pandemic.

TL: 先ほどの会合の中で新型コロナなどについて話し合いが持たれました。

Saki hodo no kaigou no naka de shingata korona nado ni tsuite hanashiai ga motare mashita.

The new Corona and other models were discussed during the meeting just mentioned.

In data number 20-4, the message conveyed in TL does not accommodate messages from SL at all. The speaker conveyed the message "*kerja sama pengelolaan pandemi covid-19*" (cooperation in managing the Covid-19 pandemic), but this message was not conveyed by the interpreter. The interpreter said that Indonesia and Japan had discussed a new form of the coronavirus, even though what was discussed at the meeting was cooperation in managing the Covid-19 pandemic with the emergence of a new form of the virus. The interpreter also uses the verb 「持たれました」 (*motare mashita*) which means "has been discussed". It would be more accurate if translated as 「ございました」 (*gozaimashita*) which is a form of *Keigo*, remembering that the language used in official situations is respectful or *Keigo* so the interpreter must also adjust the use of *Keigo* in the translation.

Unique Findings

In this study, there is an interpreting technique that is not used, which is the anticipation technique. According to Jones (2002), an interpreter has very little time to process and translate the speaker's

speech into the target language, especially in simultaneous translation which requires the interpreter to translate what the speaker says right away. The interpreter can anticipate the direction of the conversation when starting a sentence by using the words that come to mind to translate the speaker's words before the speaker utters them because the interpreter has understood the direction of the conversation and understands the context that the speaker is talking about. Thus, the anticipation technique is more suitable for simultaneous interpreting which has less time lag compared to consecutive interpreting. In addition, some data were reduced because the interpreter did not use the interpreter's technique in accordance with the theory of interpreter's technique proposed by Jones (2002).

According to Syahputra, Amri, and Sagala (2021), consecutive interpreting has the same basic principles as simultaneous interpreting, namely in terms of listening, understanding, analyzing, and re-expressing, so the application of the technique is also not much different. However, based on the analysis conducted in this research, it is found that the theory of interpreting techniques proposed by Jones (2002) cannot accommodate all the speakers' utterances because there are no data that use anticipation techniques and there are interpreting processes that do not use interpreting techniques at all based on the theory proposed by Jones. Thus, it can be concluded that the theory of interpreting techniques proposed by Jones (2002) is not suitable to be applied in consecutive interpreting.

CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis of 32 data, it was found that the most widely used interpreting technique in this study is the omission technique. The omission technique is widely used by interpreters because it aims to clarify the important message to be conveyed in the target language by omitting things that are only additional or not very important to convey. However, the use of the omission technique results in many less accurate translations because there are still messages from the source language that are not fully conveyed in the target language.

Through the analysis conducted in this study, it is found that the theory of interpreting techniques proposed by Jones (2002) cannot accommodate all utterances in consecutive interpreting because there are no data that use anticipation techniques and there are interpreting processes that do not use

interpreting techniques at all based on the theory proposed by Jones (2002). Thus, it can be concluded that the theory of interpreting techniques proposed by Jones (2002) is not suitable for consecutive interpreting. Future researchers can use more than one technique or can use other theories that can strengthen, support, and even deepen to analyze consecutive interpreting techniques and assess their accuracy. Future researchers can also assess the quality of an interpretation with several experts so that the results can be more objective.

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