The Existence of Public Relation in Constructing Image in Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen, Aceh, Indonesia

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Abstract: There will be a conflict, impact or hostility because of wrong communication. Misscommunication may concern the content, tone (intonation) or way. There is often a case of misscommunication in both social and work relations. For example, if someone is talking to someone else, he does not mean to offend his interlocutor, but his interlocutor is offended by his wrong communication. Public relations is not found as part of organizational management. There is information field, but this field functions to information management and the need that relates to internal problem of Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen, and it is about yet aspect of how to have good relationship to public, so the existence of public relation that is main role to convey information and communicate continually to obtain mutual understanding between Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga and society legally. Functionally public relation in MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen is run by 1) Abu as centre figure (personal branding); 2) students, teungku, gure and manager, through intensive process and quality product; 3) alumni, through Rabithah Alumni Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The essence of the public relations problem is communication. Communication is a very important component for someone both in social interaction and in human relationships, especially in the dayah environment. Because of the communication, close and harmonious atmosphere can be created, sometimes it can reconcile the two sides that have differ in opinion, but it can also be on contrary, there is conflict, impact or hostility because of wrong communication. Misscommunication may concern the content, tone (intonation) or way. There is often a case of misscommunication in both social and work relations. For example, if someone is talking to someone else, he does not mean to offend his interlocutor, but his interlocutor is offended by his wrong communication.

By communicating well to the community, dayah can do promotions that attract the sympathy of the community to participate to advance dayah or keep the image of society to the dayah. Promotion can be done not only by oral, but also the most and the most memorable is by deed, for example by visiting mosque in village to give lecture or becoming imam (leader of communal prayer) or khatib (preacher) in mosque or by organizing safari ramadhan (Islamic activities) or the like. There is a close relationship between dayah and society, so dayah will be able to play the role as transmitter of Islamic values to society. In communication, the most frequent form and have a significant and urgent role is speaking orally.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 The Definition of Public Relation

Public Relations is one part of management which is a perfect component of an educational organization or Islamic education because of without the components, an organization is able to run, but it run wobbly and is not able to develop well. According to Jefkins that public relations means a form of communication that applies to all types of organizations, both commercial and non-commercial, both in the public (government) and private sectors.

According to Glenn and Denny Griswold, in their book Your Public Relations define as follow: “Public Relations is the management function which evaluates public attitudes, identifies the policies and procedures
of an individual or organization with the public interest and executes a program of action to earn public understanding and acceptance”.

Cutlip defines public relations as a management function that shapes and maintains mutually beneficial relationships between organizations and their publics. The success or failure of public relations depends on how to shape and maintain these mutually beneficial relationships.

2.2 The Elements of A Dayah

Some elements that are inherent in an educational institute of dayah in Aceh, namely teungku dayah (main teacher as well as the main leader of a dayah), teungku balee (senior teacher), teungku rangkang (teacher who only teaches junior students), rangkang (cottage), mosque, bale (learning place) home of teungku dayah, murid (the name of students at Islamic boarding school in Java) and yellow books teaching. All these elements are an inherent unity in a dayah, so it can be said that these elements are an identity for a dayah.

Dayah housing is generally surrounded by a wall fence to limit in and out of students. These buildings are established on the donated land (wakaf) and some are built on the land belonging to tengku dayah, but in development, nowadays generally dayah in Aceh is built in the land that donated by the community, so dayah is owned by the community and does not belong to teungku dayah, although management policy of dayah is absolutely in the hands of the teungku dayah himself.

Educational institutions Dayah are basically educational institutions that embrace the boarding system. Therefore, the existence of rangkang (cottage) that becomes a place of residence for the students who meudagang (learning in dayah), becomes a necessity. Rangkang is a small stage house that contains two people per house, or a long house divided into several rooms, which each room is occupied by two or more people. So the rangkang functions as a dormitory for the students who live in a dayah housing where teungku dayah live.

The existence of the house of teungku dayah in dayah housing that functions not only for efficiency for teungku dayah in doing the mobility of his learning but also to facilitate teungku dayah in overseeing students’ activity and to close the emotional connection between teungku dayah and the students.

2.3 The Relations of Dayah and Aceh Society

Dayah is a construction arena of teungku dayah image who then through the students and alumni, the image is socialized to the community. Then, through his image, teungku dayah control the community and take them to the religious life they understand. Based on the reality that the teungku dayah transforms that dayah becomes the center of social cohesiveness and has Islamic character of Aceh people. Therefore, dayah is not only important for young people Aceh to gain the knowledge of Islam and change their social position in society, but also it is also important for all Aceh people because the dayah is part of their life. The higher the charisma of a teungku dayah, the greater the influence and magnetic of dayah, so it invites people to come.

The closeness of dayah relation and Aceh society can be reviewed on their various social activities that is always related to dayah. In Aceh, social politic move, social cohesive creating, birth, death, marriage, business, promosing, sick until loosing things that makes dayah and teungku dayah as the leader and reference in realization and process. Previously in Aceh, religion and politic have experienced clear separation, so between tengku dayah as leader and sultan as politic leader cooperate each other in running the government, even when politic leader experience crisis, they (tengku dayah) show in politic room to replace the last role in maintaining the country. According to Dhoefier the reality is different in Java, in Dutch colonial government, sultan in Java gives attention especially to politic aspects and in concrete comprehension lets Islamic problems solved by kyai. That is why indirectly sultan’s policy has strengthened the separation between religion and politic.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 The History of Genesis of Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen Aceh

As Islamic education institution nowadays, dayah is still exist with tradition of educational system that is inherited hereditary from one generation to the other generation. The most traditional dayah is still managed by a head of dayah that if the head of dayah is pass away, he will be replaced by the other, usually he will be replaced by his children or his son in law and may the other relative. It is because dayah tradition in Aceh belongings personal of the head of dayah or the other people that is managed by a teungku chik or abu the head of dayah.

The existence of dayah in Samalanga subdistrict Bireuen Regency is basically caused by demand of society that want to advance in anything, especially thing that relates aqidah (belief), worship, etc. In this case a number of dayah in Samalanga subdistrict is Ma’hadal ‘Ulim Diniyah Islamiyah Mesjid Raya (MUDI MESRA) Samalanga that has developed long than the other dayah in Samalanga subdistrict. So it is clear that the existence of dayah especially dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga is people’s desire around dayah that want to have Islamic education institution to study religion, so that understanding in worship and close to Allah.
Dayah MUDI MESRA is included category of dayah that has produced priest and ulama cadres. Some of them continue their study in domain and foreign. Many alumni go to their home to build new dayah in their village. The branch of Dayah is found by Dayah MUDI MESRA nowadays has achieved 329 Islamic boarding school and religious building in Aceh region and not. All dayah alumni is shade of institution of Rabithah Alumni dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga. In the previous about 16th century, Sultan Iskandar Muda (12th Aceh king, sovereign about 1607 – 1636) in his journey to village, he build a mosque, people there mention it “Mesjid Raya/Raya Mosque” that function as worship place aand religious meeting/place for society. At that time it is led by Faqeh Abdul Ghani located in Mideun Jok village that now called Mesjid Raya.

After the head pass away, dayah is led by many ulama by turns while the others have unclear identity because there are not data or clear document either kept in office or news from interview to society based on researcher who knows history.

About 19th century, dayah educational institution is formed by ulama’s initiative from Ulee Balang party, Muhammad Ali Basyah that is supported by society. On 1927 this Islamic education institution is believed to be led by Teungku H. Syahabuddin bin Idris that at that time his students consist of 100 male and 50 female, 5 male teacher and 2 female teacher. Based on the condition at that time, the dormitory building and religious building are emergency barrack that is built of bamboo and sago palm stem.

### Table 1: Leadership of Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga

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Data Source: Sekretariat Dayah MUDI MESRA, on 2017.

3.2 Research Location

This research location is centered in Dayah MUDI Mesjid Raya Samalanga Bireuen Regency Aceh. The reason of location election is regarded right because the election and decision of location are conducted by some consideration based on typical, interactive, uniqueness, and appropriate to topic in this research. Some significant reason why this research is undertaken in Dayah MUDI Mesjid Raya Samalanga Bireuen regency Aceh are the reasons that relates to research location and the research substantive reason.

The other reason of research location election is because Dayah MUDI Mesjid Raya Samalanga Bireuen Regency Aceh has publication such as book, religious activities, website, magazine until foreign country, calender, and alumni association Dayah MUDI Mesjid Raya Samalanga Bireuen Regency Aceh. Those are the form of publication that conducted by Dayah MUDI Mesjid Raya Samalanga Bireuen Regency Aceh, so Dayah MUDI Mesjid Raya Samalanga Bireuen Regency Aceh is attractive to be researched.

That is the reason that researcher proposes, so Dayah MUDI Mesjid Raya Samalanga Bireuen Regency Aceh is unique and attractive dayah to be researched.

3.3 Data Source

The data in this research means informations or fact that is obtained through observation and research in the field that can be analysed in understanding a phenomenon or to support a theory. In quatitative research data are given in form of description. Data that are collected are the data that are appropriate with research focus. Obtained data in this research by snowball sampling are key informants to point the people that know the problem that will be researched to complete the explanation and the people that are pointed and points the others if the explanation is lack and so on.

The types of data in this research can be devided into two they are primary and secondary data. Primary data is obtained in words or oral form and the attitude of subject (informant) that relates to public relations management in Salafiyah boarding school while secondary data is obtained from documents, photos, and things that can be used as primary data complement. The characteristics of secondary data is in the form of writings, records, pictures or photoes that relates to process or activity with public relations in Dayah MUDI Raya Mosque Samalanga Bireuen Regency Aceh.

Primary data that relates to public relations management in Dayah MUDI Raya Mosque Samalanga Bireuen Regency Aceh is obtained through observation and interview as follows: the forms of public relations, public relation strategies, communication form with alumni, public relation management plan, society image to Dayah MUDI Raya Mosque Samalanga Bireuen Regency Aceh, communication system that is built in doing
public relations, the role of Abu Syeh in public relations, and so on. Secondary data that is obtained through document is data that is considered that there is relation with research focus about: location of Dayah MUDI Raya Mosque Samalanga Bireuen Regency Aceh, number of students, communication to students’ parents, communication to alumni and so on. To get the data, the researcher needs to decide data source well because the data will not be gotten without data source. The selection and determination of the number of data sources is not only based on the number of informants, but also more important in the fulfillment of data needs, so that the data source in the field can vary based on need.

Data source in this research can be divided into two, they are human and not human. Data source functions as subject and key informant and the data that is obtained through informant is soft data while data source that is not human is form of document that in relevant to this research focus, such event or activity that has relation with research focus. Data that is obtained through document is hard data.

IV. DISCUSSION

The existence of public relations in this research, the researcher shows data in the field successively about the existence of public relations formally in institutions of Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen Aceh, public relations actor and various activities that tends to public relations. The existence of public relations in an educational institution is one of part of communication that is complement component in educational organization or Islamic education. In running its duty, An organization or educational institution is better to involve society. It is inevitability if in weaving relation to society is without public relation. It is like what happen in Dayah institution in Aceh, a Dayah institution can survive in society and globalization era till right now, it needs management public relation function well, although formally it is not looked. This case is proposed by Dr. Tgk. Muhammad Aminullah, MA, he is alumnus of Doctoral program Islamic communication department Islamic State University North Sumatra Medan:

If public relation is meant how to weave the good relationship to public, it includes society, government elements, actually the most success is Dayah institution. Although in Dayah institution structurally they do not design public relation field or humanity, actually Dayah institution has run the functions of public relation itself and in fact Dayah institution is able to run ti with government element and get support from society. About the existance of Public relation in dayah institution, Abi Zahrul Fuadi, M. Pd also explains that:

Formally there is no public relation in dayah institution but functionally it is actually conducted by all elements in dayah institution. In getting students, dayah never puts banner or brochure but we act directly to society. Therefore, we do not publish directly but dayah has run humanity’s functions.

Further Abi Zahrul Fuadi M.Pd explains:

The priority of dayah is studying hard. During being student in dayah serve to society if they are needed because the most important in dayah is that the student can recite Qur’an and then they teach and becomes teungku to be the head of dayah in each region. From the statement above, the existence of public relations structurally is not found in Dayah MUDI Mesra Samalanga, but public relation is regarded having good relation to society and every party, and dayah has done it. Every element in Dayah MUDI Mesra Samalanga has done public relation. This case is proven because there is good relation between dayah and society, government and non government.

There is providing information in Dayah MUDI Mesra Samalanga that has duty to give informtion about dayah policy and interact in guest service visiting to dayah. This part is dayah internal and does not tend yet to function of public relation in macro. Public relation itself is part of organization that becomes communicating connection between institution with the public, so understanding is created that has impact to positive image and the support from public to dayah existance.

From the statement above, the students as part of Dayah, they accentuate reciting the Qur’an, studying, and never do controversional attitude to Dayah, moreover to Abu as his leader. The students always show that there is good relation among students, organizer, and Abu, that is supported by student’s gait when they subserve in society. This case give plus score in society life and it is an unconscious public relationship. Abi Zahrul Fuadi, M. Pd proposes:

There will take care of public relation’s problem, it is called humas and hamkan, but this providing information has duty giving information either to students or to organizer and Abu relating document, invitation or information that must be known by students or organizer while the problem that relates to policy about relation of internal or external dayah, it is not dayah’s duty. the duty in dayah is studying hard, reciting Qur’an, teaching and discussing and bahsitsul masail.

One of alumni Dayah MUDI Mesra Samalanga, Tgk. Yusfriadi, MA, proposes:

Public relation is weaving good relation to external either society or the other elements although dayah institution structurally does not design public relation field, but actually dayah institution has run functions of public relation. The functions are usually run by students, alumni, and Abu.
Tu Bulqaini alumni Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga that also becomes leader of Dayah in Aceh, proposes that:

Dayah institution structurally does not design public relation field, but actually dayah institution has run functions of public relation. The functions are usually run by students, alumni, and Abu the head of dayah. The alumni like me and the other friends bring symbol of Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga, so if they serve to society, almanter of MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen Aceh will adhere.

The same thing is also explained by Tgk. Samsul Bahri, SHI organizing Dayah Darul Abrar Al-Aziziyah proposes:

Public relation in dayah institution formally is not exist but functionally it has been done by all element that is exist in dayah institution. The function is run well by students, alumni and the leader of dayah. They usually organize preaching in religious activity, and also spread calendar, even many alumni has good image in their village, so that case will be public relation function itself.

From the explanation above, Dayah MUDI Samalanga is dayah with salafiyah typical: 1) Dayah institution is famous with yellow book, and 2) dayah institution maintains dayah institution consistently with yellow book although it still respond globalization challenge in form of computer, internet using and so on.

The students of Dayah MUDI Samalanga is not pro active with activities that is exist in society. They in Dayah MUDI Samalanga is taught to be smart first, then after graduation from dayah, they will be teungku that serve society or Abu that lead dayah in their region because based on knowledge they have had and society has regarded that the student from Dayah MUDI Samalanga have good quality, can interact to society and have extensive religious knowledge, so society believes in Dayah MUDI Samalanga from quality output result.

Even many students of Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen Aceh continue to higher level like university, but yellow book tradition is always held and used as the valid reference to confront problems. Here are institution activities of Dayah that has impacts in running public relations.

Tgk. Abrar azizi, M. Kom that has finished postgraduate in IAIN Malikussaleh continues his explanation that:

I am sure with educational globalization influence they will experience saturation level, so that will be back to nature and it make me as teungku in Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen Aceh that attract to maintain yellow book. Although I have learnt yellow book, I also learn various western books, thought of west figure when taking postgraduation, I hold my principle that yellow book is the best. Yellow book must be mastered by students, then spreaded, developed based on actual problem but hold on the teaching in yellow book.

Tgk. Abrar Azizi, M. Kom continues his explanation:

I am sure that the students of Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen Aceh actualizes yellow book and rightnow the students of Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen Aceh has been trained. Before graduation every alumni must made scientific work and the made in form of book, and sold freely, published by Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen Aceh itself, Al-Aziziyah press. This is result of Balsul Musail. Their intelectual they shool from beginning till graduation, they are stimulated to observe fact social life, then it is discussed together in balsul musail, the result is written in scientific work called risalah that is made in the form of book. It is like students that do scription or thesis.

So the students of Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga Bireuen Aceh is trained to study yellow book holistic and will become functional human. If a dayah has alumni that use and can publish scientific work, dayah institution itself will be believed by society as quality educational institution, directly MUDI MESRA Samalanga has conducted public relation even thought formally there is no special organization that does not handle that case. Finally public relation in Dayah Samalanga institution has characteristic of natural or pure, because all elemets in Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga from Abu until students even the alumni automatically have run function of public relation while they do main duty and function either internal or external of dayah institution.

The role of Abu as the head of Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga, has duty as teacher, mubalilgh, and Mudir (leader). When he is as a teacher, Abu has activity to teach the students and society to have moslem personality especially, when he is as mubalilgh, Abu convey islamic teaching to whoever he meet based on principle to ask goodness and prevent badness, as mudir. Abu ha role to be judiciary to his members.

This case that makes Dayah MUDI MESRA Samalanga accept the honorable position in society. In running his duty, Abu shows the behavior that can be made uswah hasanah and instill cultural values that will naturally impact on the implementation of public relations functions.

V. CONCLUSION

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