

## ABSTRACT

The research paper is entitled *The Discursive Identity of The Jakarta Post on the Fuel Issue of Indonesia 2012 in the Selected Editorials*. It is aimed at investigating how the discursive identity of *The Jakarta Post* on the fuel issue of the first semester of Indonesian government 2012 is constructed in the selected editorials and discovering its ideological message on that issue. Two data sources of editorials, *Editorial : Huffing and puffing over fuel* and *Editorial : Only an ad-hoc fuel measure*, were taken from on-line version of *The Jakarta Post* related to the chosen issue. The Fairclough's approach to Critical Discourse Analysis (1995) was employed as the basic framework to analyze the tools of modality and evaluation (Halliday, 1994; Martin, 1995; Martin, Matthiessen, & Painter, 1997; Fairclough, 2003; Halliday & Matthiessen, 2004; Eggins, 2004) in the area of Systemic Functional Grammar (Halliday, 1994) in examining the identity of *The Jakarta Post* on the chosen issue discursively. The results of the study show that *The Jakarta Post* tends to construct its identity on the fuel issue by showing several commitments, namely its commitment to several good possibilities if the option of raising subsidized fuel price is chosen; to the policy of maintaining fuel subsidies labeled negative things and impacts on Indonesia's government and condition; and to the importance of the role of relevant parties. By those three commitments, *The Jakarta Post* seems to deliver the message of opposing fuel subsidies to its readers.