CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Communication is how to show our feeling to others. People can show our feeling verbally or written, such as expressing condolence. According to Oxford Learner's Pocket Dictionary, condolence is an expression of sympathy. Condolence is an expression that can tell of people's sympathy. Condolence is not just sympathy expression but also act of active, conscious support and encouragement in the face of adversity. According to Leifer (2013: 89) condolence is more like compassion. Condolence is derived from dolere, that means is "to grieve".

Condolence is one of the speech acts under pragmatics studies. Pragmatics is the study of the relationship between linguistic forms and the users of those forms (Yule, 1996: 5). Pragmatics focuses on the meaning of speaker's utterances rather than of the meaning of words or sentences. According to Leech, (in Trosborg, 1995: 6) pragmatics is about how speech has meaning in such situations. To value and understand the meaning of the utterance, someone has measured the relationship between the language and the context, it is connecting with language, and situation influences the meaning in utterances.

This present research analyzes condolence utterances on the news item of the earthquake disaster in Mexico. There are many condolence utterances given by people in the world. The utterances are expressed through social media Facebook.

There are some examples of condolence utterances taken from Facebook of the fox news. They give condolence to the victims of the earthquake disaster in Mexico, for example:

Donna Mangone: "My heart is breaking for the people of Mexico"

Based on the example above, Donna's utterance is included in the strategy of condolence which is an expression of sympathy. The Donna's utterance means that Donna was saddened by what has happened in Mexico. The classification of illocutionary act from that utterance included in the expressive (grieving). She uses the words to express her psychological state of her emotion to Mexicans. In this context, Donna is grieving with the victims of th earthquake that occured in Mexico.

Condolences has been studied by several researchers, such as Kuang (2015), who has examined condolences in Text Messages (SMS), Murad (2013) has researched in the native speaker (L1) native speaker (L1) towards a Hebrew (L2) native speaker in Hebrew, Hey (2014) researches in SMS written by dieting, Lotfollahi (2011) examines his condolences at eighty Irian EFL students of the University of Isfahan, Moghaddam (2012) has studied the expression of condolences in the movie, Farnia (2011) Condolences notes on deceased contemporary Iranian actor in 2008, samavarchi (2011) researches using 50 EFL Iranian students as an analyst to convey condolences to the English and Persian. Another researcher is Yahya (2009) who examines the expression of condolences using native-speaker introspection and private observations cross-checked to a greater degree by native speakers, and the last is Pishgadam and Morady (2012) who examine the expression of condolences in movies.

Based on the example of condolence utterance above, the researcher analyses the condolence utterances found on the Facebook of Fox News that give condolence to the victims of the earthquake disaster in Mexico. The researcher is interested in analyzing condolence utterance in social media Facebook by using pragmatic approach entitled "A Pragmatics Analysis on Condolence Utterances in Social Media Facebook".

B. Problem Statement

Based on the background of study above, the researcher raises the falling problem statements:

1. What are the strategies of condolence utterance for the earthquake in Mexico?
2. What are the classifications of illocutionary act involved in the condolence utterances?

C. Objective of the Study

The objectives of this study are:

1. To describe the strategies of condolence utterance for earthquake in Mexico.
2. To describe the classifications of illocutionary act involved in the condolence utterances.

D. Benefit of the Study

After doing the research, the writer hopes it can be useful. They are having 2 kind benefits of the study as, theoretical benefit and practical benefit:

1. Theoretical Benefit

   The results of this study can provide a broader knowledge of speech acts, especially in condolence situations, that there are strategies in conveying condolences.

2. Practical Benefit

   a. To Student of Linguistic

   The results of this study can provide more knowledge about the strategies that exist in expressions of condolences and it can be a speech event in the context of written condolence.

b. The Future Researcher

This research can provide knowledge about strategies in condolence. Besides, this research can be used as a benchmark for the development of further research.