

Dear S [REDACTED]

S [REDACTED] am getting more and more intrigued about where bahasa Indonesia comes from. I have the feeling that SATU DUA TIGA are from an Indo-European source, from Sanscrit.....SELAMAT is clearly from Arabic. Then what about pivotal words like KELUARGA for family NAKAL for naughty, UBI for sweet potato and IBU for mother. Are these words native to your archipelago, and if so to which island?

It seems the Portuguese words like JENDELA and SEPATU might well describe things that were technologically new to Indonesia in the 16th-17th centuries? Is your word for bread PAO?

How about Dutch words? I suppose BUKU. Is NAMA from Dutch or from Indian languages? In URDU you say " Mera nom Mario he" for " My name is Mario "

How much is the bahasa Indonesia a natural growth and how much is it an artificial language? If the second, when was it given shape and who by?


Mario (the question man)

licik = sly

MAORASA = religious school