

CHAPTER V CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusion

This study successfully developed a short documentary film entitled *Step Away from Home* using the Research and Development (R&D) method adapted from Borg and Gall (1983). The development process involved eight stages: research and information collecting, planning, develop preliminary form of product, preliminary field testing, main field testing, main product revision, final product revision, and dissemination and implementation. Through these stages, the documentary was systematically developed and refined to produce a final product with a duration of 17 minutes and 38 seconds that met its intended objectives. The documentary was created to provide authentic information regarding the internship experiences of Indonesian university students in Japan. It presented various aspects of internship life, including preparation before departure, cultural adaptation, workplace experiences, language challenges, daily life, and career opportunities after completing the internship program. By incorporating perspectives from both current internship participants and alumni who had continued their careers in Japan, the documentary provided a broader understanding of the internship experience and its potential long-term benefits.

Based on the validation and product testing results, *Step Away from Home* was found to be feasible and effective in delivering information about internship experiences in Japan. The positive responses from both Applied Foreign Languages students and international respondents indicated that the documentary successfully communicated its message and provided useful insights for prospective internship participants. Therefore, the documentary can serve as a practical reference for students preparing for internship programs in Japan while also demonstrating the potential of documentary film as a tool for education, information sharing, and experiential learning.

5.2 Suggestion

Based on the findings of this study, future researchers are encouraged to collaborate with companies, hotels, or other organizations that accept internship students in Japan. Through such collaboration, future documentary projects may provide more detailed information about the actual work environment, job responsibilities, workplace rules, and skills required during the internship program. This would help prospective interns gain a clearer understanding of what they may experience before joining the program. In addition, future documentary projects could include more footage related to workplace activities and interviews with company representatives or supervisors. By combining the perspectives of interns and employers, the documentary could present a more complete picture of internship programs in Japan. This approach may improve the documentary's value as a source of information and preparation for students who are interested in pursuing internship opportunities abroad.