Chapter 1
Introduction

To meet one of the requirements to finish their studies at English Diploma Program, students have to do an internship (known as Kuliah Magang Mahasiswa (KMM) at a public institution or a private company. The purpose of this internship program is to let the students explore the work field they are going to face after they graduate.

Exploring is a very important part of the academic process. Beside learning in class, by exploring the work and career field outside the classroom, the students shall gain and expand more knowledge to themselves so they can provide themselves with more insight and references to the career paths that interest them.

In addition, the internship is also to allow students to gain a work experience. Such an experience is a great way for students to make themselves familiar with a specific job field they are looking to learn about. When they graduate later, the students will have confidence that the experience and degrees they are receiving are the right ones for them.

There are many benefits of doing an internship for the students. First, students can apply and enhance the knowledge obtained during lectures. For example if the student is majoring in English and he/she enjoys translating, they can apply for the internship program as a translator. While the students are translating texts, articles, or documents, they might find some difficulties in the process of translating. This is the perfect timing for the students to apply translation techniques that they have learned in the previous semesters.

Another benefit of the internship is that the program could add insight about the world of work to the students. By doing an internship program, student can find out what he/she likes (or doesn’t like) about various types of jobs while deciding their career preference and interests. For example if the student was doing an internship in a radio station like the writer did, he/she may experience more than a job. He/she may plan to do only the translation job. Nevertheless, what happens in the real work field or what the company/institution ask them is different. For the example, the company or the institution needs the interns to be able to make a new script from watching or listening TV news and other radio programs. In other case, I was told to make an English news
script from local newspaper. So, while doing an internship program, the student may explore more skills that they might find interesting and shall be explore more and probably could change their career decision as well. Also, today's companies and organizations prefer to hire students who have gained practical work experience through an internship.

Finally, the internship also gives benefits to increase and improve skills and expertise in the field of practice. Experiencing work field can offer students opportunities to apply and assess your academic knowledge and skills in a work field. The goal of university education is for the students to be able to apply the skills that they have earned so that they can be fully prepared for the workplace. Internship is one of the opportunities that allow students to apply what they have learned in university to a professional work field. The work experiences that students could gain through an internship program will make you more attractive to your future employers later after graduation.

I then decided to do the internship program at Radio Republik Indonesia Surakarta, a public radio station. I chose RRI Surakarta because RRI Surakarta has one of the programs called Morning English News. Morning English News is a news broadcasting program in RRI Surakarta that delivers the news in English. This program broadcasts on 08:00 every day. Since Morning English News is a daily program, so there will be lots of news that need to be translated into English. That is the reason why I choose RRI Surakarta, so that I can use my skills to help RRI Surakarta to provide good-quality English news scripts by translating local news from many sources into English or vice versa.

The length of my internship program at RRI Surakarta is one month, from January 6 to February 6, 2016. From the internship, I also obtained some benefits, especially about news translation. At RRI Surakarta we were assigned to translate news scripts from Indonesian into English. With the assistance and help from my supervisor, we were trained on how to make not only a good translation but also a proper news script. Because I was from English Diploma Program, I did not have any journalism skill. From the internship, I could learn a lot of information and tips on how to make a good new script. I also learned the kind of diction we chose in a simpler way from the news source as used in newspapers or magazines. Also, since there were many news texts to translate every day, I also learned how to deal with deadlines and how to manage time.
Some other benefits of doing the internship at RRI Surakarta are as follows:

1. I am able to differentiate the style between news from newspaper and news from radio broadcast.
2. I am able to translate news script for radio broadcast program.
3. I was given a chance to practice the speaking and pronunciation skill by reading and recording articles for *English for You* program.
4. I am able to understand not only the work field of a translator but also a translator in a mass media institution/radio station.