CHAPTER V
CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1   Conclusion

This study investigates six international press which are Asia Times from Hong Kong, The Japan Times from Japan, Global Times from China, The New York Times from Unites States, BBC News from United Kingdom, and NK News from North Korea regarding 2019 Hong Kong protests with total 162 appraising items. Appraisal theory postulated by J.R. Martin and Peter R.R. White are applied to analyze how do the journalists take position regarding Hong Kong protests.

According to the analysis, all of six articles appraised subjects regarding Hong Kong protests in various ways. The 'attitude' appraising items are mostly found in the article of Asia Times with 34 appraising items and this dominated with negative judgement items toward Hong Kong police. It is followed by article of The New York Times with 32 appraising items and this dominated with negative appreciation items toward the Hong Kong government system, article of The Japan Times with 28 appraising items and this dominated with negative judgement items toward Hong Kong police, article of BBC News with 25 appraising items and this dominated with negative judgement items toward Hong Kong government, article of Global Times with 22 appraising items and this dominated with negative judgement items toward the protesters. The last is from the article of NK News with 21 appraising items and this dominated with negative judgement toward Western countries.

Based on the number of the results, there are 11% Affect, 52% Judgement, and 37% Appreciation in all the six articles. Therefore, it can be concluded that Judgement and Appreciation are the most appraisal systems found in all six articles. It means that all of six international articles besides evaluating people's behavior, the author of the international media also tend to evaluate the things. Also, the journalists of the articles barely used emotions in evaluating the issue. The judgement items in six international articles mostly found when the articles talked about the behavior of the Hong Kong police and protesters during the protests. the Appreciation items in six international articles mostly found when the articles talked about the situation of the protests. Affect, as the least appraising items found in all six news articles, mostly found when the journalists evaluated the emotions of the protesters regarding the issues.

Besides Attitude appraisal items, there are also Engagement and Graduation appraisal items found in all six international news articles. The resource or Engagement in attitudes are 71 monogloss items and 73 heterogloss items. There is slight difference between the monogloss and heterogloss, this means the journalists of six news articles besides used their own voices in evaluating the issues, they also used external voices to validate or support their evaluation. The graduation items found in all six international articles 45 items of force sub-system and only one item of focus sub-system. This means the journalists tend to use amplifying force rather than sharpen or shorten focus.

Appraisal items in all six international media are found in evaluating many different subjects such as the Extradition Bill, the view or the response regarding

the protests, the police attitude during the protests, and the subjects exclude those three are include in Others (Carrie Lam and the government, Chinese government, Western countries). Regarding the Hong Kong protests, the journalists of all six media have positioned themselves into two sides, support and oppose. According to the analysis, all four news media include Hong Kong media supported Hong Kong protests. They are Asia Times, The Japan Times, The New York Times, and BBC News. Meanwhile, the rest two media opposed the Hong Kong protests. They are Global Times and NK News.

It can be concluded that news media as the main producer of the information regarding Hong Kong protests presented different perspectives about the issue.

5.2   Suggestion

Since the study solely focuses on textual analysis, for those who are interested in news discourse, the researcher suggests to conduct a research which focused on how the journalists of the news article shaped the world common issue by employing Critical Discourse Analysis method to enhance the information and to take steps on dealing with the situation.