In this era of globalisation, there are more bilingual people in every society and country. According to Bakers (2011:66), globalization is both the cause and an effect of bilingualism. The bilingual population is spreading in various areas such as trading, communications, traveling, immigration and education. In Indonesia, the terms of bilingualism and its relation with ‘English-Indonesia’ bilingual education is becoming popular nowadays. The main focus of this paper is to discuss the bilingualism and bilingual education in Indonesia. It is begun with the introduction of linguistic situation in Indonesia, continued to the discussion the phenomenon of bilingualism in Indonesia, the educational system and bilingual education in Indonesia. The discussion is ended by explaining problems in bilingual education in Indonesia and the solutions to overcome them.

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