THEMATIC PROGRESSION ON THE HEADLINE JAPANESE FIRMS
MOVE INTO RI SERVICE SECTOR

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In analyzing the data, the researcher used the framework proposed by Paltridge (2000:140). While the steps in analyzing the data are as follows: segmenting the data into clauses, identifying the Theme and Rheme for each clause, describing the types of thematic progression of headline, and describing the coherence of the headline entitled “Japanese Firms Move into RI Service Sector” January 9, 2013. The last is drawing the thematic progression pattern of the headline.

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