

# WORLD SUBUD ASSOCIATION

## Tape Preservation Unit

### Recordings and their Code Numbers

Talks by Bapak or Ibu Rahayu are available in the form of audio recordings or in print. Some are also available as video recordings. Invariably, the source recording is identified by a Code Number such as e.g. 81 LON 1 or 83 PAR 2.

It should be noted that such Code Numbers refer to **Recordings**. They do not refer to talks nor to tapes, CD's or other media such as Compact Cassettes, MiniDiscs, etc.

If a talk was not recorded then there is of course no recording, and thus nothing to code. In lists of talks, the absence of a code number thus implies that the relevant talk was not recorded.

A medium such as a magnetic tape, a CD or a MiniDisc, can contain a recording but a recording can be removed from one medium and transferred onto another. Therefore, identifying the medium is not really relevant – what matters is what is on that medium, that is *the recording*, e.g. the recording of a talk that Bapak gave at a certain date and place.

*The recording's code number must always be stated* when listing recordings or when quoting or listing texts derived from recorded talks by Bapak or Ibu Rahayu, for the code is, in fact, the source reference<sup>1</sup>. This principle which was established years ago, was emphatically reaffirmed at the 2001 Bali Congress; it was there termed as an *absolute requirement* in connection with Copyright issues. It was subsequently ratified in a Congress Resolution.

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<sup>1</sup> In the interest of uniformity and clarity please do not omit the spaces between the three elements of the code number – i.e. please write **83 LON 5** rather than **83LON5** or **83.LON.5**

Editors have occasionally preceded code numbers by such captions as *Relevant Tape* or *Tape reference*. It should be noted however, that these expressions have become inaccurate as Archive Masters are no longer kept on tape. At present all master recordings are on optical storage, that is on DVD, an optical storage medium similar to CD but with a much larger storage capacity.

Furthermore, code numbers are occasionally stated without any label, leaving the reader guessing as to their meaning or relevance. It is recommended to always clarify their significance by stating ***Recording 83 LON 5*** rather than just ***83 LON 5***<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> As is standard practice in SPI's Volumes of Bapak's Talks