



***EXCERPT FROM BAPAK'S TALK AT THE 1975 WORLD CONGRESS IN GERMANY, ON THE ROLE OF SES**



Brothers and sisters, it seems necessary for Bapak to tell you about the plans and ideas we have for establishing an S.E.S. (Subud Enterprises Service) body. It is this that will serve all the national enterprises. This is indeed what Bapak intended before, but previously Bapak wanted to do it through the Bank, which is now called Bank Susila Bakti. It appears that the time is not yet ripe for doing it through the Bank, for it has not yet proved possible to get permission to set up an international bank in Indonesia. For this reason it is still established just as a national bank, and is only able to deal with local demands. So it must be made clear that it is not the intention to profit Indonesia alone, but this is the situation we are faced with, and we cannot as yet establish a bank able to include the whole world and to finance Subud members and Subud enterprises all over the world when they require capital. Because it is still difficult to do this, there is therefore this idea for setting up the S.E.S. body, which will not really be like a bank, but which will also help and foster the enterprises which will be established by members belonging to the various national centers.

This body will provide everything for the enterprises. That means it will provide capital and everything that is required, so that when it gives assistance to an enterprise in some national center it will supply all the requirements and personnel needed.

Thus besides providing money for the capital it will also select and appoint the personnel. These will be found and trained and directed by the S.E.S. body that is going to be established: S.E.S. International. This undertaking should acquire legal status and authorization from whatever country it may be in, so that it will be a body able to spread its wings all over the world. For this reason, brothers and sisters, it will be established in major cities, where it will really have influence and a wide scope when it comes to setting up an enterprise. Bapak feels that the main center for it should be in England. Yes, and then later on other places can be chosen and it can move to other places when it becomes more successful. These are the plans which Bapak hopes will, with God's blessing, be successfully accomplished.

Bapak also hopes that, besides listening to Bapak's explanations, you will all take part in the struggle. Now is the time for struggle and effort. We must not just be passive. We have to strive, strive towards the aim of worshipping the One Almighty God and of serving humanity in this world. For at present in this world we are always surrounded by unpleasant events which suddenly overtake us, so that help is needed from some organization or some country. It is this, among other things, that we hope that Subud may be able to carry out. In this way the name of Subud will be the name of a brotherhood that is not only able to receive grace and ilham (divine knowledge) from God, but one that is really able to help its fellow creatures.

It will really be able to make a contribution to the community in this world. Brothers and sisters, there are many countries that are really rich in natural resources. Their soil is rich, but they are poor in trained manpower and in money or capital, so that their natural riches remained undeveloped. That is why Subud is now making a start with this. May the Subud members, with guidance from the One Almighty God, be able to find the way.

Of course, we need not a little capital, perhaps tens of millions of dollars, perhaps hundreds of millions. May the One Almighty God show the way to realize the plans and ideas of Subud, so that we can obtain something beyond expectation, wherever it may come from, and really establish something which will be the main body to foster the enterprises of the various Subud centers, and so that there can really be an S.E.S. which is international, strong and successful. That is all, brothers and sisters.