

MUSINGS ON THE WORLD CONGRESS

Prelude to the Official Minutes!

The 13th Subud World Congress has come and gone. By all accounts it was a positive experience for all present and, despite differences of opinions or ways of working that were cause of frustration at times, the atmosphere was harmonious and productive.

Kejiwaan activities played a central role as always, yet the many aspects that express who we are were also clearly evident at the exhibits, workshops, performances and presentations. This seems to clearly emphasize that the purpose of our association is to support not only the kejiwaan, but also its expression in our daily lives. The talents, projects and wings working party worded this feeling as follows:

We recognise the need to enliven our groups by transforming them into safe, healthy, caring, inclusive spaces, where members feel nurtured and empowered to explore and develop their God given talents as they arise through the Latihan, and the expression of those talents in their daily lives, to each fulfil their individual purpose as part of the human community.

More specifically, our INTENTION, applied as a first principle in our endeavours, recognises that:

...the Latihan is for both the inner life and the outer life, and that - as Subud members - we wish to be guided by the power of God in our endeavours in our outer lives...

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The World Congress in New Zealand was a wonderful event, but its reality needs to be felt and acted upon from now into the future; so I hope that the next term will see a renewed effort to find ways to nurture, support and encourage what Bapak talked about and encouraged so many times; namely, putting the Latihan into practice.

May our intentions and efforts be guided and blessed.

Love,

Osanna