

HISTORY OF SUBUD SUBUD WORLD CONGRESS REPORT 2006-2010

History of Subud, Vol 1 Book 1 (SECOND EDITION).

At a History of Subud Meeting with ISC during the celebrations at Ascot in England in 2007, it was agreed that we would produce a Second Edition of Book 1. Although this book had already been reprinted once, stocks were again getting low.

The original film and blocks could not be used again, but it was understood the whole book was on disc. It therefore seemed a simple operation to make a Second Edition, adding into the original text the errata already included at the end of the reprint, together with a little more additional information. The original Indonesian for all the quotes used from Bapak's talks would also be included, as in Book 2.

When I returned to Australia, I examined the disc with Amalijah Thompson. Unfortunately, it was not a clean copy of the original. On close examination it seemed to be a typed copy, with typists errors throughout, and the text had been altered in many places. These alterations seemed to be in several different styles, presumably done by more than one person. Much of what had been added or "corrected", was completely *incorrect*.

I spent a little more than a year checking this text, line by line, against the original book, and, of course, correcting it. The quotes from Bapak's talks however, presented another problem.

Bapak's talks: All the original Indonesian transcriptions, and all the English translations, are in the process of being revised by the Team working on the *Bapak's Talks* series of volumes. Most of the quotes used in Book 1, came from talks later than those already published in these volumes. So the quotes in English, as well as their original Indonesian text, had to be submitted to Sharif and Tuti for checking, and where necessary, updating. So far I have received the revisions for quotes in all chapters up to and including Chapter 6. I am still waiting for the rest.

Recently, I have written to Tuti to try to find out how this checking is getting on. Of course when I receive the updated quotes in English, these have to be integrated into the existing text - and this sometimes means it has to be reworked. Apart from this work the Second Edition is ready to go to the publishers. I understand that ISC expects this book to be published, eventually, by SPI.

The History of Subud, Vol 1 Book 3.

Some months after the last World Congress, I had to move the History workspace out of the school where it had been for some years. I hired a small shop. This provided a good environment in which to work, and I completed the research and made good first drafts for several chapters of Book 3. After about fifteen months however, the shop owners wanted to lease this space to a security company. (There was increased vandalism in the area). Alternative suitable accommodation for the History Project looked as though it would be both expensive and difficult to find, so I decided it seemed better to turn my own house upside down, sell some furniture, and make a History workspace there. As a result I now have better facilities in which to work than I have ever had previously, and ISC is saved the cost of rent.

This move was, however, a major disruption to my work on Book 3. It was immediately followed by the Ascot celebrations, and the decision to work on the Second Edition of Book 1. After that work was finished, I again started to work on Book 3, but I now found I was working with source material for so many different

countries, that a catalogue was now really necessary. It took some months to do, but I am now reaping the reward. It is making work on this book quicker and easier, and of course it will also be useful in the future.

Additional Collections.

During this period, several new Collections have come in. On every occasion I have copied what is going to be useful for the book I am currently working on, or those immediately following this, then catalogued what I have copied. I have given or returned the originals to Amalijah Thompson for the international archives.

History of Subud Interviews.

There are about five hundred hours of History interviews. I made a good start transferring from cassette to external HD. I then had to pause, because I could not check the text for the Second Edition of Book 1, while half listening to the transfer process. I hope to get back to this work soon. I still need one or two good transcribers for interviews. The member who was attempting to help with this, had to stop because of ill health.

Policies for the History of Subud

At the request of ISC, I brought together the Policies for this Project. Most had already been in existence for many years, so this was only a matter of integrating them into a single document.

Articles for publication etc.

During the last four years several countries have been commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the start of Subud in their part of the world. I helped these celebrations by producing articles based mostly on research already being done for Book 3. These articles were on the beginnings of Subud in California, New York, and Australia. I also provided the Team working on the Wisma Subud UNESCO Project, with a brief history covering the start of Wisma Subud, Cilandak.

Matters in process?

Looking back over the History Reports for the past four years, I see there are one or two items still "in the air". In 2007 I heard that Arnaud de Lune was checking the French translation of Vol. 1 Book 2 which was being made by Samuel Chapleau. I do not know what progress has been made.

I see, too, that Maya was looking into the possibility of publishing an updated English version of *Subud is a Way of Life*. (It is, I think, on the web). I do not know what progress has been made. It has, of course, already been published in several languages. This book is not, strictly speaking, Subud History, but like the History it is written by me and owned by WSA.

Current Plans.

- 1: To work on the rest of the History of Subud, Vol. 1 Book 3.
- 2: To complete work on the History of Subud, Vol. 1 Book 1, Second Edition when I receive the rest of the revised texts for the quotes from Bapak's Talks.
- 3: To examine the possibility of writing subsequent volumes in shorter dedicated books covering this or that subject rather than continuing with the present arrangement covering all parts of the world for a given period of years. This would cut down the time taken for research, and mean books would be cheaper to publish.
- 4: To continue the transfer of History Interviews to digital.
- 5: To try to find good transcribers to finish transcribing the interviews.
- 6: To continue to write articles of historical interest to Subud members.

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