



INTERNATIONAL HELPER DEWAN

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TO: ALL KEJIWAAN COUNCILLORS AND NATIONAL HELPERS

The present dewan of international helpers will step down at the forthcoming world congress in August 2014. Early in the congress, helpers will be chosen for the next term which will conclude at the following world congress. Candidates must be present for the testing at the congress in Mexico.

It is important that any helper wishing to test for the position should be aware of the following:

- Candidates should be loved and respected by the members.
- As most correspondence is by email, internet access is important.
- Travel and accommodation expenses incurred while carrying out the international helper work will be reimbursed. There is no compensation for the time involved in carrying out the work of an international helper.
- WSA cannot be made liable for any accidents while travelling as IHs. There is no insurance.
- Commitment to serve the full term is necessary.
- It is essential that candidates have the agreement and support of their partners.
- International helpers can expect to travel up to a hundred days per year. Trips vary in length but generally are not more than three weeks. Candidates should be willing and able to travel *without* their partners.
- Many travels take place in pairs of a woman and a man. There should be an awareness and understanding of mutual respect and support to work together in harmony.
- It is recommended that all candidates should read Bapak's talks regularly [see explanation further below].
- As all written and spoken communication between International Helpers themselves and within the World Subud Council is in English, it is helpful that the candidate has a fair knowledge of English.
- It is recommended that all candidates test with their national helpers or kejiwaan councillor

The following questions are recommended testing:

1. What is the nature of the job of international helper?
2. What is the capacity of the candidate to work in a team?
3. What is the willingness of the candidate to serve Subud for the coming term?
4. Is it right for the name of the candidate to be put forward to the international helper dewan?

Candidates' names, with country and contact details, should be forwarded by kejiwaan councillors before 30 June 2014 to:

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With love and best wishes from your Dewan of International Helpers

NB:

In our work as international helpers we found that, even though we have each received the latihan and our own guidance, we did not always have sufficient understanding or the confidence to answer member's questions or to make explanations without also being able to refer to Bapak's talks. In his talks, Bapak anticipated many if not all of the questions that members have as well as the situations in which members and groups may find themselves from time to time.

We feel it is essential that all helpers are willing to accept Bapak's talks as a source of guidance and development for themselves and for members.

The following quotes are taken from a [talk to helpers by Ibu Rahayu on 23 February 2013](#) (13TKL3).

And as those old helpers become non-active, naturally, there are new helpers, and I think the way they work is different. In the past, Bapak guided helpers in person; at least, they knew Bapak. But these new helpers sometimes carry out helpers work, as I said, without understanding or knowing how to perform their duties as helpers yet. It is as though there is no balance between the helpers who have grown old and who are not active and the new helpers. And the new helpers, as I said, they work, but based only on what they know.

This is why I recommend that helpers must read Bapak's talks. Why do you have to read Bapak's talks? Why do you have to follow Bapak? Well, since you are not even able to do what Bapak did, what makes you think you can come up with something yourself? At least if you follow what Bapak [set out], you will be continuing in the right way; the Subud way. But if you have no real understanding of the spiritual, you will think that all a helper needs to do is open people, give advice, and that is that.

[Bapak's talk, Rio de Janeiro on 16 October 1977 \(77RIO2\)](#)

Bapak doesn't say very much to the committee, because Bapak considers the most important are the helpers - because the helpers are the pioneers of Subud, and without helpers there will be no members. It is really necessary for the helpers to have a clear understanding of what the Latihan Kejiwaan is, its purpose and its benefit. To obtain this understanding, you can get it from the talk that Bapak gave two nights ago, and also from the other talks that Bapak has been giving around the world.

Bapak really expects the helpers to obtain copies of these talks and to read them - the talks that Bapak has been giving - so that they can explain much more clearly than now to members and newcomers what Subud really is.