

Work Group Summary

13.3. International Subud Centres

Part I - First reflections

1) Perception of what an International Center means:

Point of light in the world

A place for latihan

Where you can feel 'at home'

An interface of Subud in the world

Expression of Culture, Education, Enterprise...

Integration of Subud members around the world

Accommodation/residential facilities (compound) - also for events.

Subud Archives

Financed, developed and managed on international basis

Has something of the character, nature and strengths of the hosting country

A place for our congresses and events

Indonesia, Japan, California, UK, Australia (5 fingers)

2) Brief revisit of our existing centers

Cilandak

Anugraha

Amanecer

Rungan Sari

others (eg Usaha Mulia Abadi, Mina Clavero...)

Part II - Lessons into assets:

We learn from our past and make recommendations for our

New International Centers

3) Make sure we have:

a place to do latihan

a strong latihan and the inner capacity to sustain the center

enthusiasm

harmony, collaboration

engagement, commitment

a strong core group

location, location, location

4) Don't forget you'll also need:

a balance between dream and reality

careful attitude towards self-interest/ manipulation

clear vision, mission and purpose

a clear agreement between all stakeholders in terms of rights and responsibilities

an experienced team with skills

link between the national and international

commitment for long term involvement

system of oversight

5) Masterplan to consider/include:

knowledge about legal aspects of the hosting country, including those on land ownership
financial analysis
marketing considerations
studies on long term viability
formula to address legal issue on property ownership

6) Other warnings:

remember this is not just about buildings!
take local experience on board
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Part III - Other discussions

How to get back on track?
Los Angeles as a Cultural Center
Laguna Woods, CA
Aguas de Sao Pedro, Brazil

Part IV - Actions

Suggestion to give attention to our existing centers and provide support needed
General feeling positive towards recommending the creation of new international centers on the spirit of the advice aforementioned.