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Subud symbol

'Subud is an association of people from different religions, beliefs, nationalities and cultures, united by a common, yet individual, spiritual practice known as the latihan.

Through this practice, each person may discover their own truth, human potential, talent and inner guidance in accordance with their individual capacity and commitment.

The name 'Subud' is derived from the words 'Susila', 'Budhi' and 'Dharma', symbolising surrender to the experience of the divine life force within each person, which can effect inner transformation.

The founder of Subud, Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo from Indonesia, was born in 1901 and died in 1987.

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A global and diverse association...

There are Subud members in 85 countries spread across the globe, with group and national organisations in 54. Together they make up the World Subud Association (WSA), which is run on democratic and gender-equal principles, with volunteers active at local, national and international levels. The diversity and scope of the association is celebrated every four to five years with a World Congress. In 2010, it was held in Christchurch, New Zealand; in 2014 it will be held in Puebla, Mexico. Between congresses, business is carried forward by an international executive team supported by the World Subud Council.

A broad range of endeavours...

The association encourages the expression of spirituality through working with ones true talent in the daily lives of its members, which gives rise to a diverse range of social, cultural, entrepreneurial, and educational activities. To assist these endeavours, the association set up a humanitarian and welfare branch, Susila Dharma International Association (www.susiladharm.org) – which holds consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) –, as well as cultural, entrepreneurial and youth branches: the Subud International Cultural Association, Subud Enterprise Services and Subud Youth Activities.

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Centres for spiritual practice and community activities...

With the assistance of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (www.msubuhfoundation.org) – established by the WSA in 1991 –, initiatives are supported towards the acquirement of venues for members to practice the latihan, and to create spaces open to the broader community.

Looking to connect and cooperate...

When invited, the WSA participates in international fora and seeks to share, learn and reflect together with the global community, striving towards sustainable human development and peace for all.