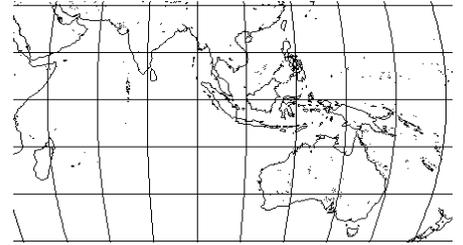




# ASIA PACIFIC NEWSLETTER

## ZONE 1/2



### Zone 1/2 Council Meeting

The Zone 1/2 Council Meeting was held at LaTrobe University, Melbourne, Australia on 6 and 7 January, 2009. Thank you to WSA News No.9 April May 2009 for this article.

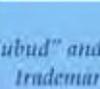
The ZONE 1-2 COUNCIL meeting was held during the Australia Gathering and Congress in January. Seven countries were able to attend, and seven countries were not represented. The council created an action plan leading up to world congress that included, for example, the intention to have one youth from each country attend the World Congress and a commitment on the part of kejiwaan councilors and committee councilors to become more active within the zone. The decision was made to delay the testing of the next zone representative until the World Congress.

Following a presentation by the WSA Archives Coordinator, Amalijah Thompson, the Zone Council passed this resolution: "It was proposed and unanimously accepted by the meeting that Zone 1&2 support and promote to the WSA, as a long term (25 year) project, the development and establishment of a permanent Subud Archive complementary to the Archive held in Wisma Subud." As a result, Amalijah has prepared an in-depth report on the status and preservation of the archives (see page 4).

Country reports and the Zone 1/2 financial are available on request from Renata Peek, the Zone 1/2 Coordinator, email [renatapeek@xtra.co.nz](mailto:renatapeek@xtra.co.nz).

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## International Helper Visit to Sri Langka

**27 January –1 February 2009**



*Relaxing at the Subud house: Barney, KC and singer extraordinaire (we're not joking) (L); and Anand, attracted to Subud by the symbol outside (R).*

Immediately following the India International Helper visit, Sri Lankans Robert (IH) and Cassandra Goonetilleke arrived with IHs Judy Gibb, Asmaniah Fraval and Dahlan Simpson at Colombo, Sri Lanka's largest city, situated on the country's west coast.

By contrast with Southern India, the Colombo group enjoys its own house, an impressive, modern three story structure situated near the beach (and reported on in Subud Voice after its opening by Ibu Rahayu in late 2004). The top floor is rented out, with the two lower floors being ample for the group's current needs.

Robert, Cassandra and Subud Colombo looked after the visiting

IHs extremely well, putting them up at the Subud House, which proved a very comfortable and practical arrangement. IHs were also treated to a mid-week trip to Galle and Weligama down south, most welcome after a hectic time in Subud India!

Lunch and dinner at the Subud House during the IH visit were admirably provided by the group via caterers. Seating arrangements were relaxed and encouraged conversations with many members. These occasions were a highlight of the visit.

Subud Sri Lanka comprises around 32 members. Some 28 live in Colombo and 4 in Kandy, about 3 hours drive away in high country,

central SL. Kandy members occasionally latihan in Colombo.

Whilst there are a few young members, they are few indeed. Many members are into their 60's, 70's or 80's. Several have latihan for 50 years...thus some wonderful experience rests amongst the group, but the general energy level is flagging! About a third of the group is over 70. If the group is to hold its own, let alone flourish, an influx of members is surely needed in the coming years.

Two members joined Subud after becoming caretakers at the Subud House, living proof of the latihan being open to everyone regardless of social status. During our visit, the

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caretakers took turns for latihan and testing, with another member translating questions – everyone else speaks English.

Of the 28 Colombo members, 8 are helpers. At the time of our visit, three committee members remained active helpers, due to a perceived shortage of helpers. Also, in recent years, helpers have been doing their helper latihan on various Fridays through the month to suit personal choice, to the detriment of an effective dewan. The need for set helper and helper/committee latihans, and for helpers to become inactive whilst they are on the committee, became a focus for this IH visit.

In terms of recent openings, one member discovered Subud on the internet and another by noticing the Subud symbol on the building. Encouraging as this is, the question was discussed: can we be more active in providing information about Subud within the community? This of course is a pivotal question for many groups, not just for Subud Colombo.

Many warm friendships clearly thrive amongst the group. I personally feel close to several members already and sense friendship with all of them. However, it will require more than friendships and personal depth of latihan to take the group forward. There needs to be change: this need for change became the major focus of IH attention during their visit.

The IHs arranged several 'circle discussions' before latihan on the helper day held on Friday, and on the two member kejiwaan days held on the weekend.



*View outside the Subud Colombo house, an impressive modern building.*

These were to draw out questions and to encourage sharing. Latihans were held in the morning and in the evening, after these sharings, to allow for peoples' work and family commitments.

Testing sessions were conducted straight after latihans:

- to deepen members' commitment to the latihan and
- to explore the purpose of the monthly helper and helper/committee latihans, and of an effective quiet time; attitude to those who may be interested in Subud; and other aspects concerning the health and growth of the



YES Quest  
international

at  
2010 World  
Congress

#### Peter Jenkins sends this invitation

We're looking for fifteen young Subud members from around the world with big ideas. All you need is a big idea for a Subud wing project.

We will run six morning workshops during Congress to help you develop your idea so that you are ready to launch it in your own country when you return home. We also intend to have a lot of fun, and to put on a performance at Congress ...and right

after Congress there will be a four-day camp at Akaroa to finish off our work (...and have a bit more fun).

*Quest at Congress* will be facilitated by YES Quest facilitators, assisted by advisors from the Subud wings. Will there be financial support? Yes, financial support will be available in three ways: The four-day camp will be free. We will assist participants to

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## Report On The Status And Preservation Of The WSA Archives

By Amalijah Thompson, WSA Archives Coordinator

It was clear after some months into this current position that no matter how much the dead horse was flogged it wasn't going to wake up. Despite considerable effort over a long period of time the dead horse had remained clearly dead and so, in liaison with the WSA Executive Chair, flogging was changed to assessing, reviewing, clarifying and researching to find a more sustainable way forward. The aim was to simplify and professionalise the WSA Archives system, so that it could more effectively carry out its mission and purpose.

There have been numerous workshops, resolutions, discussions relating to archives since 1959. All that is needed now is to simply put current archival knowledge and expertise into practice through the provision of the resources, facilities, infrastructure and systems that will allow the services to be provided easily for the overall benefit of the WSA.

Recommendations:

These recommendations are based on the understanding that archival resources form part of the most valuable foundation of the WSA...  
The recommendations: [in brief]

1. That a framework for the work of the WSA Archives is established which will ensure sustainability beyond transient office bearers, at any level with the WSA.

2. That it is necessary to establish in the short term one professionally managed WSA archive to complement the work of the WSA archive in Indonesia.

3. The current system of security backup material needs a revised format and framework, in conjunction with item 2.

4. That the WSA enables fundraising and establishment of a dedicated or permanent fund in liaison with MSF and SPI for the purpose of providing stable funding and resources for the archival needs of the association on a permanent basis.

5. That the WSA needs to appoint a WSA Archivist to represent and manage the overall archival needs of the WSA.

6. To support that function and, the long term preservation needs of the WSA, it's recommended that the WSA establish an advisory council...

7. That the first [advisory council] is formed immediately, together with the WSA Archivist for an initial three year term to ensure continuity between congresses.

If the recommendations herein are not the best framework to facilitate and support the changes needed, then it's urgent that the right framework is determined at the coming WSC meeting and before another round of office bearers are selected at the coming world congress. This can't wait.



## Greetings from the World Congress Team

*Christchurch, New Zealand*

Dear friends:

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Christchurch for the 13th Subud World Congress, January 4-18, 2010. January is Southern Hemisphere summer time and the weather, (while notably changeable) should be warm and comfortable. The usual lively mood of our city will be tempered by the post Christmas lull and the number of locals away on holiday themselves. We hope, with the cooperation of the New Zealand membership, the National Committee, ISC/WSA executive, and the city of Christchurch, to create an atmosphere of welcome, lightness and relaxation. We invite you to come, have fun and join in. Bring yourselves, your families, arts and crafts, enterprise stories, music, dance, drama, writing and song.

We are all so happy that Ibu Rahayu has accepted our invitation to attend this world congress.

The World Congress website, [www.subudworldcongress2010.com](http://www.subudworldcongress2010.com), is a useful guide to accommodation choices, food prices, tourist information, and much more.

We have secured a selection of facilities suitable for the diverse activities of the congress. We have large latihan spaces and many rooms which can be used for testing and small group sessions. In particular, facilities for performance range from the world class Town Hall auditorium through a wide range of venues to accommodate any kind of performance. The stage is set.

Christchurch, a city of about 400,000 people, has an

international airport, ample entertainment, restaurants, cafes, shops and hotels/motels as it is a hub for the South Island. Christchurch is an easy city to get around. It is great for walking or cycling and there is an excellent local bus service, including a free inner city shuttle. Check our web site for more details.

We are working to create a worthwhile congress experience for children and youth.

Programs are in development. We are recruiting a volunteer team for a wide variety of roles. Please register your interest and ideas on the website.

Congress time is high season in New Zealand and flights can be heavily booked. Please keep this in mind and think laterally when making arrangements.

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## World Congress News

### *Delegates*

In conjunction with the International Helpers, we are proposing that on the 4th of January, there be kejiwaan activities for the delegates (even though this is the official arrival/check in day). This of course is not obligatory, but rather a proposal for all those delegates who are able to arrive on the 3rd. (check in registration will begin on the 3rd at midday).

If you can manage it, arriving a couple of days early will also help you get over a long flight. We remind you, though, that to arrive on the 3rd, you may need to leave home on the 1st of January because of the time change.

### *Envisioning SYA*

A working paper 'Envisioning the future of SYA International coordination' is currently being shared among the youth exploring the best way to strengthen the role of the SYA network internationally. The Youth Coordinators propose this to be an ongoing discussion with workshops following up at World Congress. An updated version of the paper can be found on [subudworldnews.com](http://subudworldnews.com) ISC/WSA and then scroll down to SYA. Please feel free to download it and give your input by writing to [syawsa@gmail.com](mailto:syawsa@gmail.com).

### The On-line Art Auction



[www.subudartists.com](http://www.subudartists.com)

In support of the *International Youth Travel Fund* The On-line Art Auction is now open for bidding. There have been lots of great pictures kindly donated for this cause, so please bid generously and acquire a piece of art for your donation!

### ...Quest at 2010 World Congress continued from page 3

apply for travel subsidies allocated to the Quest from the International Youth Travel Fund. We are raising money for additional subsidies for those needing extra assistance.

What sort of project idea can I choose to develop? The key factor is that you want to do something for Subud, which is a good fit with your talents and abilities. Perhaps you would be good at organising cultural or fund-raising events. Or maybe you can see the need for a web-site or newsletter which you would like to develop. Your project could be organising a big youth event for your country or Zone, starting a business, or simply becoming a wing rep for your country. Better still if it's a really new idea and it's yours!

How do I get selected for this Quest? Write down in two or three hundred words, a little about

yourself and your ambitions, your project idea, why you want to join this Quest and how you think you will benefit. We will send successful applicants information on how to apply for Travel Fund and other grants. Please understand that most financial help will probably be directed to those from poorer countries.

Mark your email entries, "Quest at Congress" and email to [peterjenkins4@gmail.com](mailto:peterjenkins4@gmail.com). Only fifteen places are available, so send in your application soon.

*Peter Jenkins,  
Yes Quest co-founder & facilitator*

*Thank you to WSA e-news, April 15, 2009, for this article.*

## SUBUD SINGAPORE RESPONDS TO WSA

### *Introduction To Subud Group Singapore*

There is only one Subud Group in Singapore. The Group started at about 1960 and the latihan has been regularly practiced 2 times per week until the present day. The number of members has fluctuated through the years and for the last 10 odd years the membership has been around 20 to 30, predominantly male... We have a constitution approved by the Singapore Government Registrar of Societies.

### *Q. How do you feel about your group?*

A. Quite at ease, generally. There is usually not much interaction among members outside latihan times, but we are generally comfortable with one another. We usually each one of us get on with our own lives. At present our group has about 15 men and 3 or 4 women. Our weak point is the small number of women. Generally through the years we see very few women applicants. Perhaps we are not sufficiently concerned with each other, but most members are usually hard at work earning a living. We organize get-togethers a few times per year, especially to commemorate Bapak's birthday.

The main challenge for our group is finance to pay for activities like the rent of the house we use for latihan, pay our income tax, our annual contributions to WSA, respond to overseas appeal

for donations, send delegates to international Subud meetings, and other such like activities. We are always on the lookout for cheaper premises to buy or rent, but so far has had little success. Our talk about the purchase of a Subud House, for the last 40 odd years, has not borne fruit and the cost of houses have sky-rocketed. And today it is way beyond our dreams.

We also need to send representatives to international Subud meetings. ...Often the benefits of such Meetings are not readily evident to the rest of the group.

It also needs to be said that the international aspects of Subud do not generally concern individual members here very much. Little attention is paid to WSA newsletters which are read to little effect. And the World Subud Council seems to be connected to the latihan we all practice in some obscure distant way, like some distant relation who write us occasional letters, but otherwise keep their distance. We see the International Helpers perhaps once a year or there about, yes.

Of course we also need more new members, many more. Usually we have 3 or 4 openings per year, but in 2008 we had NO applicant, not a single one. [...continued on back page](#)

### **...Greetings from the World Congress Team continued from page 4**

The main 'gateways' to New Zealand and Christchurch are: Singapore, Los Angeles, Hong Kong and Sydney or Melbourne. You can fly into Auckland and get a short flight to Christchurch.

You might like to take some extra time to travel around New Zealand before or after the congress. There's a lot to see

and do. Our website will be updated regularly with information about tours, trips and tracks.

We will supply the mountains, the sea, the sky and the peaceful atmosphere of New Zealand.

All we need is you. We look forward to you joining us in the Garden City for a delightful world congress experience.

### *Early bird Registration*

Early bird registration fee runs out on May 31st.

Please register and pay early if you want to take advantage of this price.



## INVITATION TO ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS FOR THE WORLD CONGRESS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Events/Entertainment Committee of the Congress Organizing Team (COT) extends the warmest welcome to all members hoping to attend the World Congress here in Christchurch in 2010. We especially wish to welcome all those involved in the performing and visual arts.

For entertainment and the performing arts, including drama, music and dance there is a wide range of formal and informal venues available for such events. We are fortunate to have secured the 2 high quality spaces in the Town Hall; the 1200 seat James Hay Theatre and the 2600 seat world class Auditorium which is Christchurch's premier arena for visiting international artists, and the home of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. There are a number of smaller venues such as the Salvation Army 400 seat auditorium with excellent acoustic properties, the Caledonian Hall Stage and outdoor venues, such as the amphitheatre behind the Town Hall in Victoria Square.

For those brothers and sisters involved in the visual and plastic arts we have booked an

attractive gallery in The Arts Centre a short distance from the Convention Centre complex and have several display areas available in the Convention Centre. There will be other galleries and display possibilities available.

A number of the smaller theatre-type venues are also equipped for film and audio-visual programmes.

In order for us to enable you, the artist, to carry out your creative venture we need you to provide us with your contact details, a description of what you want to do and in what type of environment you envisage your presentation. Please send this information as soon as possible to the COT Events/Entertainment Subcommittee to the world congress website:

[www.subudworldcongress2010.com](http://www.subudworldcongress2010.com)

Select: Organising Team, Category: Performance and Visual Arts

Or by post to:  
Subud World Congress Office:  
Att: Events Subcommittee,  
105 Bridle Path Rd,

## SES Update for World Congress

For the full report, please contact [wsa@subud.org](mailto:wsa@subud.org)

29 April 2009

Dear Members of WSA and SES persons:

We feel that a very important topic for the World Congress will be the work and roles of Subud Enterprise Services, especially project and new initiatives support. We are writing this letter to invite the WSA member countries, and all interested persons to exchange ideas on this broad topic in advance of the Congress.

### 1) Project And Initiative Support

We suggest that some of the primary issues are:

a) What are the needs of Subud members in relation to starting new endeavours such as enterprises and other projects?

b) What should be the role of the WSA in supporting these needs in partnership with the national bodies?

c) What are the needs of existing enterprises and projects?

d) What are the policies that the WSA should have with regard to supporting individual projects?

We would recommend a simple first step. As a starting point, there could be small teams of experienced persons who would be available to provide support to new endeavours and projects within the WSA executive. These teams would build up contacts and networks or tap into existing informal networks as needed.

The realization of such an idea requires some simple policy guidelines from the World Congress...

### 2) Other Needs

...It seems that three kinds of requests (covering the above points) have reappeared during the last few years:

1) The need to create an effective data base for networking that members can tap into. So the need is to come up with and develop a project that is effective and easy to be part of and which is constantly updated and of worth to the members.

2) The desire of young Subud members to have short-term work experience within Subud member's enterprises.

3) The need of many to have help from professionals, in establishing a business plan that encompasses not only the financial aspects, but the clear outline of a project including time-lines. This is relevant for both profit and non-profit projects, even if each has a different focus and expertise.

### 3. Appointments And Organization

There is also a need for some decision-making about the SESI organization during the Congress.

At the moment, SESI is treated as an association distinct from the WSA in much the same way that SDIA and SICA are. The SESI chairperson has been appointed at Congress by the WSA and is a non-voting member of the WSC. However, there is no separate SESI organization, and this creates some confusion.

### 4. Conclusion

We very much welcome the inputs of any country and any individual Subud member with regard to these issues. Would individuals please kindly send their comments and suggestions to their national committee, as well as to ISC, the WSA executive ([wsa@subud.org](mailto:wsa@subud.org))? Would countries please forward their proposals and any suggestions to their zonal representatives as well as to the WSA? Thank you.

Thank you very much for your attention,

*Sachlan Fraval* (SES international) and  
*Garrett Thomson* (ISC/WSA executive)

## Subud Indonesia has a new chairman

Last January 30<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup> 2009, Subud Indonesia National Committee held its bi-annual congress at Sol Marbella Hotel, Anyer, Banten. At the end of that national meeting, Indonesia's National Helper Council coordinated by Bapak Djauhari Widjajakusumah, tested several candidates for Subud Indonesia Chairman. Then Bapak A.A. Luthfie was chosen as Subud Indonesia chairman for the year 2009-2011.



*AA Luthfie (new chairman) and Iwan Syamsudin (former chairman)*

"This is an honor for me, to serve our beloved organization," Bapak Luthfie said at his inauguration speech, shortly after the Helper Council announced the result of their testing. He also said that he would try to reinvigorate the

enterprise spirit among Subud Indonesia members and prepare the foundation for a permanent trust fund to support all Subud Indonesia's activities in the future.

Ibu Rahayu Wirjohudojo gave her blessing to the new chairman. Ibu spoke shortly after the chairman's election and asked all Subud members in Indonesia to work together under the new chairmanship.

The three days National Meeting was officially opened by Ibu Rahayu, at Friday evening, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. In the opening ceremony, Subud Indonesia chairman for 2007-2009, Bapak Iwan Syamsudin said that he expect all members to enjoy the congress with the spirit of Subud brotherhood. "This is the largest national Congress that Subud Indonesia has ever holds so far. Nearly 700 Subud members from all around Indonesia attended this meeting," he said. Almost a quarter of all rooms in that five-star hotel were booked by Subud members.

Bapak Iwan explained that the special venue for this Congress, a famous resort beach just two hours trip by bus from Jakarta, was chosen to give a family gathering atmosphere to the



*Ibu Rahayu opened the Congress*

congress. "We want every Subud members to come and renew the bond between us, with all of our family," Pak Iwan said. No wonder, almost every Subud members who participate, bring along their spouse and children.

Ibu Ariana Susanti, the chair of Congress' Organizing Committee, in her opening speech, told that there would be a classical music performance by Ibu Ary Sutedja and her fellow artists and musician, a children theatrical play, a fashion show for Batik designed clothes by Pancawati Audran and a Bapak Muhammad Subuh's photo exhibition. For children, the committee prepared anursery and playgroup session during the congress. "This is all possible with the generous helps of our team and volunteers," Ibu Ariana said.

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## Subud Japan celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Thank you to WSA for this news.

Japan celebrated the presence of 50 years of latihan in May, and this was followed by their national congress. Saori Yamaguchi completed her two-year term as chairperson and Masayuki Nagamine was newly elected.

[This congress was] attended by Renata Peek, Zone Representative, and Judy Gibb and Sugandi Prawira, international helpers. Ichiro Nakamura, the outgoing committee councillor writes that *The gathering and congress were fulfilled with a peaceful atmosphere with them, and I think we got outcome the best for now toward our next steps.*

Subud Japan recently translated and published "On the Subud Way" and it was given to all members free of charge. Bapak's talks are also translated and published regularly in booklet format. Rozak Tatebe's [former ISC Chair] book

has been published by a major publisher of inner psychological work in Japan and this has been instrumental in some new members joining Subud.

...Iaine Lennard (founder Subud Voice) explains: *..This is an extraordinary book. I edited and proofread it, and each time I went through it again, I never tired...*

Rozak writes in the introduction: *This is not an autobiography. It is the story of how, through a sudden, extraordinary experience, I came to know the existence of the Supreme Being, the Creator of the Universe. "This is a record of the unpredictable trials and events that unfolded through my encounter with a spiritual training. Many of these stories will appear outside the realm of common sense. But everything that happened was real. And each incident has been recounted exactly as it happened.*

Subud - A Spiritual Journey is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

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## The SICA-OZ Rug Making Challenge



Photo: Lailani Wynne, Roseanna Jansse, Asariah Tellegen and Frances Linden of Subud Brisbane display their quilt.]

The idea is for groups of Subud members to create a rug, blanket or quilt which they are happy to donate for auction to raise money for a charitable project. Groups who are interested will arrange for the rugs to be sent to your group to exhibit at your hall for a few weeks. The idea is that everyone can view them and create a point of interest for the community....

People will be able to make silent auction bids on them before they go off to World Congress for auction. At world congress it is planned to exhibit the rugs & auction them - and possibly invite groups around the world to join us in the challenge & make a rug to donate as well.

SICA Australia is registered with the Office of Fair Trade (NSW) and ROCO (the federal Register of Cultural Organisations) and has DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) status.



## A report from Subud Vietnam

There are 120 members listed, with 69 active and 6 new. Members meet in private homes and there are nine groups... There are bi-monthly helper and committee latihans and they join in the world latihan. There are special latihans with Vietnamese members around the world. Vietnam has an active Diaspora and they

communicate with other Vietnamese members around the world via an email group as well as host international Subud visitors frequently. Bapak and Ibu Rahayu's talks are translated and a booklet is created every three months. A male helper has published a book relating his experiences and this has helped to make

Subud known to others in Vietnam. There are legal concerns for Subud in this country, and so at the moment they "have faith that things will change."

Susila Dharma Vietnam is active and provides financial support to people in remote areas, students and disabled and sick children.

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For the "Kejwaan" side, there was Ibu Rahayu's talk, which was attended by more than 500 members at the first night, followed by a testing session by Ibu at the following night. All congress' participants attended with enthusiasm.

The Congress itself succeeds in reaching unanimous decision for several key points. Subud Indonesia's statuts and rules of association were revised after more than ten years in deliberation. The new one gave more authority to Subud's group in various places around Indonesia. The decision making process decentralized to

accommodate various voices from Subud members at the grass-roots level. The congress also agreed to strengthen bond with Susila Dharma Indonesia and Yayasan Usaha Mulia as SD Indonesia's member.

At the closing session of this Congress, Subud Indonesia National Helper Council also tested several candidates for Indonesian Subud Youth Chair. Aryanadi Cahyono was chosen as Subud Indonesia National Youth Chairman for 2009-2011. The next Congress will be held at Rungan Sari, Central Kalimantan, in February 2011. (\*6.1)

# DAA Program



*MSF Chair, Olivia Reksodipoetro writes:*

Of course you know of my involvement with YUM (Yayasan Usaha Mulia). One of our longest-running projects is the Children's Village (Desa Anak-Anak - DAA). DAA is YUM's home for 50 destitute children in Cipanas, and has won a provincial award for "Best Management". This home gives the children (orphans and children from very poor families) a safe, stable and caring environment to live in and receive education. We provide these children with their basic needs such as food, clothes, medical check ups and pay for their education until they graduate from high school or hopefully university, if we have the funds.

The children's home is having trouble coming up with enough money for food every month – so we thought of a new program to assist these destitute children:

*Sponsor a child to receive healthy and nutritious meals for a year.*

**US\$300** will feed a child 3 healthy and nutritious meals per day for the next 365 days an entire year! Or contribute **US\$100** and we can make sure a child gets food for 4 months – it's up to you!

And, if you are ever in Cipanas, we encourage you to visit DAA and meet the children yourself. It's easy to join our "DAA Program" – to support the kids who need help the most. I feel sure you will agree with me that these kids deserve a better chance in life!

Please help us by letting as many friends and colleagues know about YUM and DAA as possible. By working together, we can make Indonesia a stronger country – one child at a time.

Thank you very much for your time.

Warm greetings,  
Olivia



YUM is an Indonesian based NGO that has been up and running for more than 30 years now. Our aim is to assist the poor and destitute in Indonesia through social welfare projects, such as health, education and community development. We

currently have projects in Jakarta, West Java, Aceh and Kalimantan. For further information, you can log on to our website at [www.yumindonesia.org](http://www.yumindonesia.org).

YUM has been working in Indonesia since 1975 to improve the quality of life for the country's poor and destitute. YUM is a registered charity in Indonesia and is a member of the Susila Dharma Association, which has consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF).



## An Outstanding Example Of Entrepreneurship

### From Anto Dwiastoro, Secretary, Subud Indonesia

Pak Sunaryo Budiharjo of Jakarta exhibited at the Jakarta Convention Center, where he participated in the 11th Jakarta International Handicraft Trade Fair (INACRAFT 2009). As an outstanding example of entrepreneurship in bamboo and wooden handicraft, his products represent the entire Wonosobo regency (Kabupaten Wonosobo) at this international event.

Pak Sunaryo has his own workshop in Wonosobo for which he employs three craftsmen. He produces the wooden and bamboo handicrafts himself, which he has been doing since the early 1980s. The Regent's Office of Wonosobo, Central Java, sponsors Pak Sunaryo to coach would-be entrepreneurs of

the area... He also sells their products while at the same time teaching them how to open a market, promote their products and build networks.

The photo depicts Pak Sunaryo at the fair. Some items, such as the decorated bottles, belong to other entrepreneurs from Wonosobo who have consigned them to him.

Subud Indonesia is also planning a trade fair of Subud members' businesses as part of the celebrations for Bapak's Birthday in June, and in fact has made encouraging entrepreneurship as one of its policies.

## DAA Program

Contributions for the DAA Program can be made via an internet secure giving page at: [http://donations.susiladharm.org/donate\\_now/index.shtml](http://donations.susiladharm.org/donate_now/index.shtml). Select Fund Preference: *Education & Child Development*. Specify Member Project if needed: *YUM DAA*.

Or bank transfer to: Bank Niaga, Jakarta Fatmawati Branch, Jl. RS Fatmawati No. 20, Jakarta 12430, Indonesia.  
In the name of: Yayasan Usaha Mulia – DAA  
A/C number: 917.01.00619.006  
SWIFT code: BNIAIDJA

## BCU School - Teachers Trained and Bus Delivered



Thank you to SDIA Network eNews, March 2009 for this article.

After many months of preparation, the first session of teacher training took place at Bina Cita Utama School (BCU) last month. Sixteen principals and senior teachers from local government schools along with four BCU teachers took part in the first of nine weekly workshops delivered by Muhsin Maltezos and his wife Siti. During the next 12 months

the program will train four groups of 20 local teachers in practical, child-centered teaching methods. Each of those 80 teachers have daily contact with at least 40 students, which means there will be thousands of local students on the receiving end of some good teaching practice.

Congratulations to Subud Japan for raising the funds to purchase the much needed bus for BCU which was finally delivered in February. Chairperson Utami Geiger wrote to us:

Finally, after eight months of waiting, the school bus arrived in Rungan Sari last week, and tomorrow will be the first day the bus will be used to transport the school children and teachers from Palangkaraya to Tangkiling and back. Last week the school held a selamatan for the bus to thank Almighty God and to pray for, and thank, the donors who have made this happen. The addition of the school bus created a shared feeling of pride for us, the children and their parents. There is a real sense of pride and the bus gives the school more credibility. We feel that having the bus going around town with the school's name and logo will bring a lot more students to enrol, and is a very good and effective promotion and advertisement.

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### SUBUD SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The WSA Care Support Team is very happy to announce that the WSA Subud Education Fund is now fully up and running.

This program meets a need that has been felt and identified for many years within the Subud community.

The purpose of the Fund is to start addressing some of the educational needs of Subud members and their families through a scholarship fund.

Subud members will now be able to have much needed support in attending an educational program suitable to their talents and interests (e.g. a university program, a trade school program, or even just to send their child to an elementary school).

Kumari Beck is the coordinator for this program and she has a small team of fellow experienced Subud educators to

help manage it.

All of this is possible through the generous funding of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation.

The amount for the first half of 2009 is modest (maybe five to eight awards of \$500 - \$1000 each), but it is a start and we hope that donations and contributions to the Fund will grow once the need is clearly established.

## Noticeboard

### A Site For Authors And More...

Subud Publications International has launched a website for Subud authors at [www.subudbooks.com](http://www.subudbooks.com)

The main purpose of this website is to provide a shop window for Subud authors with books for sale. Not just for books about Subud, though that is the content of most of the books on this site at this time, but for all those novels and poems by authors who also happen to be Subud members.

We then realised that there was also a lot of Subud talent in the music field and there are quite a few CD's available for purchase. So we added music to the list. But what about the film and video makers? I hear you ask. Well OK we have a slot for them too.

Oh, and also to make a bit of money for SPI by selling or advertising these works. All in the cause of the important aim of SPI which is to retranscribe,

retranslate, publish and distribute the complete writings and recorded talks of Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo.

Please get news of this site out to all the members you know who have published books, CDs or videos for sale. 22 January 2009

### YTS Featured in Mercury Documentary

The Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta (YTS) was recently featured in a report made by Al Jazeera News Network about mercury poisoning. The 12 minute report can be found on YouTube.

Through several internationally funded projects, YTS has been tackling the issue of mercury poisoning with artisanal gold miners. More information can be found at [www.tambuhaksinta.com](http://www.tambuhaksinta.com) and [www.borneomercury.com](http://www.borneomercury.com).

### Subud Australia SICA Web Pages

If you have not seen Subud Australia's excellent web site,

and in this case the SICA section, you may want to have a look! It is visually pleasing, easy to navigate, and chock full of delights. [www.subud.org.au/activities/sica](http://www.subud.org.au/activities/sica) Congratulations SICA Australia!

### World Subud Council Meeting

The World Subud Council will be meeting in Spain from May 31 to June 4 immediately after the Zone 3 Gathering and Meeting.

### Subud Singapore continued from page 6

Singapore replied to each question circulated through the worldwide initiative *Looking at Our Organization and Culture* coordinated by Stefan Freedman in the UK. To read Singapore's complete responses as well as others, or to read background information, visit [www.subud.net](http://www.subud.net).

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