

## Report from Zone 1 &2, Asia / Pacific, January 2009

**Membership:** 3,433 listed members: approx. 2097 listed as active, 75 new members mentioned, 121 groups and 24 Subud houses.

**Australia :** *Members:* 630 listed, 470 active in 18 groups, 7 with their own hall, 1 in the process of building a centre.

*Activities:* Celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Subud in Australia. Overhauled and improved website. Began monthly newsletter. National meeting in Adelaide January 2008. Mid-year council meeting at Gunnebah retreat centre (new project of Subud members in NSW. National survey conducted. Finances improving, contributions up by 12%. Valuable contributions made by Subud Enterprises.

SD Australia working to bring ICDP to Australia. SICA Australia has gained tax deductible status, supports performances and exhibitions including bringing French puppeteers to perform at Queensland multicultural festival. Canberra group will be proceeding with plans for a multi use Subud Centre.

**Bangladesh:** *Members:* 9, with one group in Dhaka, members do latihan in private homes. 2 Probationers.

**Hong Kong:** *Members:* 2-3 ladies meet in private, some men opened but no activity. No premises.

**India:** *Members:* 135 listed, 95 active, 6 groups. Large increase in members in Coimbatore (51) up from 3 in the last report. Rural group practising for the first time.

4 main SD projects: Mithra, Sradha, & Aneesha all based in Bangalore, with CCD operating in Tamil Nadu.

**Indonesia:** *Members:* More than 2,000 (2005 figure) in eight regions: North Sumatra, South Sumatra, Jakarta, West Java, Central Java, East Java, Bali, Kalimantan, Eastern Indonesia.  
65 centres, several Subud houses. Most members in Jakarta and Java.  
(figures drawn from 2007)

*Activities:* Ibu Rahayu's birthday celebrated in conjunction with the soft opening of a major refurbishment and modernisation of Bapak's house at Wisma Subud into a small conference and meeting centre. Almost a hundred members attended a visioning meeting at Rungan Sari, Kalimantan to plan support and developments for Subud projects based in Kalimantan. Book of proceedings available on SWN website WSA/WSC pages.

A fashion show was held in the hall at Wisma Subud on Bapak's birthday. Another international festival was organised and held in Jakarta by JakArt.

Ibu Rahayu gave a talk on the 25<sup>th</sup> night of Ramadan. Prayers and a lunch were held at Suka Mulia, site of Yang Mulia Bapak's grave on Idul Fitri.

**Iran:** *Members:* 18 active, all in one group. 2 new members.

**Japan:** *Members:* 158 in 11 groups, some with only a few members. 2 Subud Halls.

*Activities:* "On the Subud Way" translated and published and given to all Japanese Subud members free of charge. Two Subud enterprises contribute to the finances. Also Bapak's talks translated and published in booklet format. Rozak Tatebe's book has been published by a major publisher of inner psychological world in Japan and has been instrumental in some new members joining Subud.

**Malaysia:** *Members:* 95 listed, 37 active, 1 new, 2 groups, Subud House/National centre is in Kepong.

*Activities:* Weekly Sunday Selamatan after Latihan in KL. Gatherings and Selamatan when IH's visit and Selamatan on Bapak's birthday.

**New Zealand:** *Members:* 212 listed, 150 active, 5 groups, 3 with latihan halls: Auckland, Wellington & Christchurch.

*Activities:*; National congress Easter, new national committee. Hosted visit by WSA Chairlady Osanna Vaughn, Executive chair and vice chair, Garrett Thomson and Maya Bernardes to assist Congress organising team. Also national visit by IH's. Kejiwaan gathering in Christchurch in November.

**Pakistan:** (from 2004 report) *Members:* approx. 30. Siddiq Begum reports from Lahore that the organisation has subsided again after a resurgence with the input of Harjit Rendawa and visits by the IH's. She keeps in touch with 6 members and it appears the rest practise separately, if at all.

*Problems:* Internal group dispersal.

**Philippines:** *Members:* 2 isolated members in Quezon City and Metro Manila. No recent contact or news.

**Singapore:** *Members:* 25, rented premises for Latihan - a two story house, thus men and ladies have separate halls for latihan.

*Activities:* Bi-monthly committee meetings. Helpers days twice a month. Family gatherings twice a year, and a Selamatan for Bapak's birthday.

**Sri Lanka:** *Members:* 35, 4 men probationers. One Subud house (second floor rented for income).

*Activities:* 50 year Celebration of Subud in Sri Lanka in December 2007. Regular Latihan Sunday and Wednesday. Helper/committee Latihan each Friday. Bapak and Ibu talks before Latihan on Sunday.

**South Korea:** no contact or *news as of 2006*.

**Taiwan:** *No news as of 2006*

**Thailand:** *Members:* listed 25, active 20. 1 group in Bangkok meets in private home, Regular latihan twice a week. Some isolated members. Future plans to make Subud more visible to the Thai public. Intention to create a Thai/English website. 'Introduction to Subud' in Thai language, copies in Public libraries.

**Vietnam:** *Members:* 120 listed, 69 active, 6 new. Meet in private homes. 9 groups. Practise in members homes. Bi monthly helper and committee latihan. Join the world latihan. Special latihan with Vietnamese members around the world and Ibu Rahayu in Pamulang for Subud Vietnam at 9pm each Saturday.

*Activities:* Host international Subud visitors very frequently. Communicate daily with other Vietnamese Subud members around the world via email group. Also website hosted by member living in Austria. Bapak and Ibu Rahayu talks translated and booklet created every 3 months. A man helper has published a book relating his experiences and this has helped to make Subud known to others in Vietnam.

SD Vietnam distributes financial support to poor people in remote areas, poor students, and to poor, disabled and sick children.

### **Zone Representative activities:**

I attended the World Subud Council (WSC) meeting in Ascot, England in 2007. It was an intensive series of meetings held over 5 days after the ThankYou 2007 celebration. One occurrence stood out for me and that was when Masayuki Nagamine from Japan addressed the meeting with his feeling of the special nature of Kalimantan and Bapak's hopes for Subud projects there. This initiated a session of testing questions in which we asked to receive how it was for the people working in Kalimantan if we remained ignorant of their efforts and unaware of the work being done, and then conversely how it was if we became aware of, and prayed for, the people and projects in Kalimantan. The difference was profound and the testing itself had a deep and lasting effect on me.

Osanna Vaughn asked me to represent her at the 50 year celebration of Subud in Sri Lanka which was held over 3 days in Colombo in December 2007. Pak Haryono, Ibu Ismana and their daughter Isti also attended and we were very warmly welcomed by the Sri Lankan members to their beautiful Subud hall by the sea.

I was fortunate enough to be present in Jakarta for Ibu Rahayu's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and the opening of Adi Puri. This was the first visit to Indonesia for me and while I was in Jakarta I made a presentation about the coming world congress in Christchurch, New Zealand, to the Indonesian members and youth.

I joined the visioning meeting in Kalimantan - an intensive two day workshop designed to identify and facilitate the help and support from Subud members for projects and proposals in Kalimantan. All interested members can read the book of proceedings online at Subud World News under the WSA/WSC pages. It shows the many, varied, and very impressive projects undertaken by the members in Kalimantan.

In July this year the WSC meeting was held in Amanecer in Colombia, South America. On the way there Raina McKechnie (IH and world congress team member) and I stopped in Los Angeles to make a presentation about the next world congress to the Subud Members there.

In Amanecer, along with our meetings, we gave presentations to the gathering about the congress and with Osanna's able assistance as translator we gave a talk late at night to the youth as well.

The Asia/Pacific Zone magazine has been published a couple of times, the latest issue out recently, with many thanks to our editor Emmaline Lear and to our contributing writers. Thanks are also due to the very kind member's generous donations to the zone 1 & 2 travel fund which enabled me to travel to the Kalimantan meeting. I would also like to thank my husband Hammond Peek for helping me, among other things, to prepare the financial report for the zone. Lastly my heartfelt gratitude goes out to those good people who have kept in touch with me over the past two years and made my job as zone rep. so much more enjoyable.

My impression of the zone is that there is real movement and growth happening, there is very good communication going on with all the newsletters being sent out via email, the articles showing the increasing confidence of members in a wide range of activities.

My hope is that we can continue to encourage and support each other in our efforts to live our lives well and to develop according to God's will, using the Latihan Kejiwaan.

There is enormous scope to join in or start something. I have found working together with the other WSC members and with the world congress organising team immensely rewarding.

With love and very best wishes to everyone for the last year before world congress,

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