

Zone 1 & 2 Update May 2012

Since our zone 1 & 2 meeting in June last year at Club Bali, Cipanas, Indonesia, the zone has been active in arranging Gatherings/Congresses in Malaysia, Vietnam, India, Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia. We have also welcomed Luke Pensney (WSA Chairman) on his travels to the Australian Congress, the New Zealand Gathering /Congress followed by his visit with brothers and sisters in Japan. It has been a busy time confirming that our zone, consisting of some 6000 members is very much alive.

The Gathering held in Kuala Lumpur , 29th- 30th October 2011 brought together some 35 members including 4 brothers from Singapore. Among the other visitors were Isti Da Silva (IH), Amarjit Singh (IH, but of course not a visitor), Suriyadi Sumohadiwijojo (Chair of Subud Indonesia) Hadrian and Halina Fraval. We packed a lot of Latihan and Testing into the two days and also had some good fun with a name game! Thanks to Sarinda, Raj, Michael and Delia for looking after us so well. I asked the members who had taken the 4 hour drive from Singapore whether they were satisfied. They confirmed that they were very happy and would gladly make the effort again to future gatherings.

Vietnam celebrated their 50th Subud Birthday on 25th December 2011. The Gathering was over 3 days (24th -26th December 2011) and was attended by 50 members from around Vietnam and Aamirudin Tuyen from Australia. Lots of latihan, speeches, food and a beautiful cake. Congratulations Subud Vietnam.





Subud India held their National Congress at Chennai from 30th December 2011 to 1st January, 2012. The New Chair S. Sathiamurthy reported:- ***“ This Congress was different from the previous ones in more than a few ways. For the first time, Subud India (SI) family had the opportunity to welcome the new Year 2012 together. This year’s Congress was organised close to the proposed site for Subud House – may be an indication that we are closer to the dream project coming true ! We did miss our International Helpers (IH) brethren at the Congress, since the Australian Congress also coincided with our SI Congress dates. But as though to make up for this, Sis Lavinia Forbes and Bro Murray Forbes from Spain, brought in the international flavour.***

Amidst torrential rains and cyclonic storm, the Congress started off successfully. The Congress had participation from Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Thanjavur, Pondicherry, Madurantakam & Ramagundam growing to numbers of 60. The three day affair finally proved to be a grand success matching the joy that accompanies a wedding celebration matching the mood fitting the venue (which happened to be a marriage hall) !



Starting with the Latihan, discussions on the year's events, SDI projects and related issues, status of groups, a brief on the Zonal meet at Indonesia and the update on the Subud House filled the first half of Day 1. Nominations for new office-bearers for the SI National Committee, Presentation of the SI Financials, Pledging for the Subud House Project and Kedjiwan sessions occupied the second half of Day 1 proceedings. It was heart-warming to note that a sum of about Rs. 200000/- was pledged during the session for Subud House Project. The day ended with group discussions on the SDI projects and SICA plans for the Congress.

Encouraged by and eventful Day 1, Day 2 got just brisker and hotter ! Madurantakam group brought in life and body to the gathering and the festive mood got more boisterous. Starting with Latihan sessions and following it with testing, the group got into the right frame for the more serious business of electing office bearers. SICA lightened the evening with their cultural program and games engulfing the entire gathering. Attached pictures give a glimpse. The culturals kept the gathering awake until midnight. The new year was welcomed with a Special Latihan followed by cake-cutting. After a happy beginning, members retired for rest !

Day 3 was a relaxed affair with just Latihan before breakfast and dispersal.

Highlights of the Congress:

- 1. Excellent food arranged by Sundar**
- 2. Pledge of Rs.2,00,000 for Subud House Trust.**
- 3. Help given by Bro Lajpat throughout the Congress**
- 4. T-shirts with Subud Logo arranged by Ashok**
- 5. Registration fund managed by the young team of Meera, Sriranjani and Ammu"**

At the same time as the Indian Congress, Australia held its National Congress in St Andrew's College University of Sydney from the 30th December 2011 to 6th January 2012 attended by approximately 150 members. Asmaniah Fraval, Chair of Subud after the Congress:- *"As always, it was wonderful congress: the venue worked well and the congress magnificent job. We had visitors from both north hemispheres, four international helpers from our Penseneby, WSA chair, joined the 150 attendees for Asia Pacific trip. For me there were two major emerged – teams and wings. The strength of a together in harmony, is truly amazing. And the that Bapak set up for us was helpers and working together with a common understanding goal. So we had the national helpers and national committee team which met before congress started and during; latihan, talking, testing – a mutual feeling of love and respect the inevitable outcome. Then the council team – all the group chairs, wing chairs, national helpers and national committee: the decision making body of Subud Australia – based on the wishes of the group members through their chairs, the guidance of the latihan and the unexpected that can happen when everyone is together with a common purpose – to support the growth and development of*



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Subud. These two teams were really tangible at congress and it was a joy to work with everyone. From our testing together it was clear that the growth of the wings is the key to Subud flourishing in Australia. For the first time in many years we have chairs for each of the wings –SICA (culture), SD (socialwork), SYA (youth), SES(enterprise) and SIHA (health). And another first is that we setup an initial support

team for each wing chair of two councillors/group chairs and one national helper, thus establishing an integration with the body of Subud Australia. In June the wings will meet at the same time (and place!) as the council holds the midyear meeting. The testing was very clear that these two meetings should happen together, which confirms the importance of that link between the wings and Subud Australia. It will be an opportunity to fine tune ideas for programmes of activities in the following months leading up to congress 2013.”

New Zealand held their Summer Camp/Gathering at Marahau near Nelson in January 2012. Among the attendees was Luke Pensene (WSC Chair) who had been at the Australian Congress and subsequently visited Subud Japan on his return journey home to Canada. Thank you Luke, we appreciated your effort to visit countries in zone 1 and 2.



The Committee Councillor for New Zealand Veronica Herber writes:- *“ Late afternoon after our activities or naps or whatever, we get the tables together and have a shared potluck camp meal, which is a pretty relaxed affair and some creative camp cooking. Then it is bedtime for the small ones and a campfire for the teenagers and adults.*

It is such a wonderful feeling for me seeing these children getting to know each other because I know it is the beginning of lifelong friendships. I was there myself over 30 years ago and amazingly at least 6 of us adults were the original kids from those early camps. When I was 13 I marked off every single day for 6 months in anticipation of going to the Hunua camp in the North Island with my sisters. Our family couldn't afford holidays so these camps were a really big deal for us.

Here at the Nelson camp there would be at least 20 or thirty interactions with other Subud members in the day. This is all in very relaxed friendly surroundings. By then you start feeling that you are really getting close to people.

I feel this is the way to nurture what we have in New Zealand (or any country) and how to give us a strong foundation. If we have a close family feeling amongst the membership then it can naturally grow and the youth will feel that they are part of a supportive community, which they can tap into, as they get older.

I won't ever forget my childhood summer camps and the friends I made. After having a break from Subud in my thirties it meant I found it easy to come back, there was a place for me.

I am forever grateful that there was a group to come back to and I feel we owe it to those coming through to strengthen what we have built up so there is always a strong New Zealand Subud group."

Subud Indonesia held their mid-term National Congress in February 2012. The event was attended by representatives from all regions of Indonesia. The Chairman Suryadi Sumohadiwijojo and his team organized a well-run congress which included a talk and



Indonesian National Committee



testing with Ibu Rahayu. Approximately 600 members attended. During the meeting the official presentation of a donation to WSA by an Indonesian enterprise (run by Ruslan and Rahaju Morris) of \$20,000 was made. (Picture of Ruslan signing in the presence of Suryadi and Maya). In addition to this donation, an Australian Enterprise contributed \$100,000 to WSC in March 2012.

More recently, in May (5th and 6th) Bandung (Indonesia) hosted a Gathering which included a talk and testing by Ibu Rahayu which was attended by around 700 members. During this trip Hadrian visited a meeting space building designed by Ridwan Dobson, constructed in a hotel complex using laminated timber beams. The construction is beautifully simple and cost effective. A picture of the interior of the 20 x 16m meeting room is shown here during construction. It is a very impressive space, ideal for latihan halls.

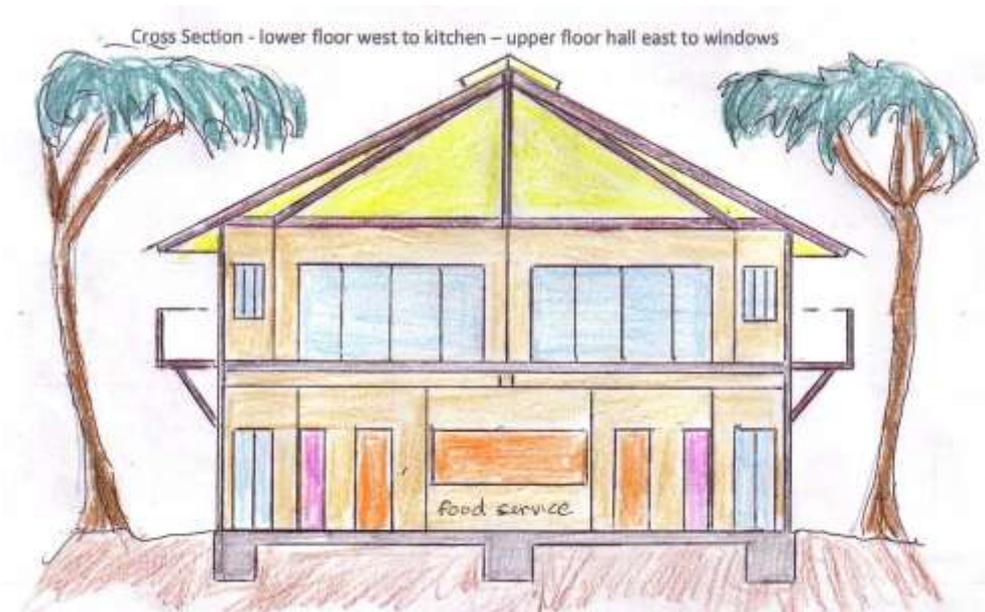


Subud Thailand is about to commence construction of a Latihan Hall in Bangkok on land provided by the Vogel Family. The building will include two halls 20m² each and toilets and a kitchen. Well done Rosali, Somali and the Vogels. The design is shown below:-



At our Zone meeting in June 2011, we undertook to have as many gatherings as possible to provide the members in our zone the opportunity to participate in latihans with larger numbers of members and share their experiences. I think we have done well in this commitment this year. Secondly we undertook to try holding skype conference calls to keep in contact. We did attempt a skype conference in late 2011 but with only Indonesia, Thailand and Australia attending, it did not achieve the objective, even though those attending enjoyed catching-up.

The third objective was to make the Community Centre at Rangan Sari a Zone project. A lot of water has gone under the bridge during the year regarding location and design. The most recent proposal is to build an Eco-Village Hall (designed by Mursalin New) at a cost of \$25,000. At the time of writing there is still \$7000 to raise before construction can start. It is hoped that construction can start in July 2012. The completed Hall will offer meeting space for the Eco-Village and Yes Quest activities.



This report on the activities in Zone 1 & 2 is not all- inclusive. There are many other activities and achievements which are not included. Forgive me! The KCD mining /YTS in Kalimantan, the SD projects, YUM, Yes-Quest, BCU, Human Force etc. news can be found on other sites.

In general the Zone is active in many areas. Of course we can do more!

At the Zone meeting we undertook to forge stronger links with CC and KC communicating. Getting more involved in supporting each other. We need to pay more attention to this to strengthen our Zone.

I look forward to joining with you all to express the fruits of the Latihan in our lives and

Please respond more to communications!

Zone 1 & 2 Co-Ordinator Trips this year July 2011 -2012:

- Malaysian gathering 29th -30th October 2011.
- Australian Congress 30th December -6th January 2012.
- Indonesian Congress 25-26th February 2012
- Bandung Gathering Indonesia 19th – 20th May 2012

Hadrian Fraval

Zone 1 & 2 Co-ordinator



Picture Courtesy of Veronica Herber – Subud New Zealand Committee Councillor.