

REPORT ON KALIMANTAN MEETING: AN OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL ACCOUNT

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On the 7th and 8th of April a 'visioning/action' meeting related to Kalimantan took place in Adi Puri Wisma Subud. I'd like to explain how it came about and how it was 'sponsored' by WSA. On the one hand, due to the fact that I live in Rungan Sari and consequently talk a lot with different members living and working there, I began to realize that even if there are numerous activities and developments taking place, for many there was a loss of the sense of the big global picture and a sense of direction. Of course this isn't necessarily how everyone feels, but enough were expressing it, for it to warrant the attention of the WSA, as Kalimantan remains one of the last international projects initiated by Bapak. On the other hand, the World Subud Council will meet in Rungan Sari in June, so the idea of having this meeting in April, was to be able to prepare an overall picture with the current situation and realistic objectives for the future, to present to the council and the many international visitors who will be present. This presentation will be made both in Wisma Subud at the Gathering and in Rungan Sari afterwards.

Consequent to all this, the original invitation went out to people involved in the various active entities in Kalimantan: enterprises, social projects, representatives of plot holders, etc....as often happens in these situations where a meeting takes on a life of its own, we finally ended up with quite a different set of people, still the common denominator of all of those present was their love and/ or interest in Kalimantan and its development within the context of Subud and Bapak's vision. The interesting thing was that the 30 + people who attended both days were literally divided, half and half Indonesians and foreigners as well as half and half people living and or working in Kalimantan with people from Java 'interested' in Kalimantan. This already was very much a symbol for me of what I hoped might be part of the outcome; a renewed sense of working together and understanding between these different parts of our association. To finish with this introduction, I believe that this meeting is also a respectful follow-up of the 2008 Visioning meeting that took place in Rungan Sari which already had substantial outcomes for those living and working there. I trust that many new developments will now take place and as one person who is slightly skeptic of this type of meeting said to me afterwards, "thank you for having brought this about, it has reminded me that whenever Subud members get together and allow the grace to come in, amazing things can happen."

So, on the 7th we began with latihan, then the ladies did a number of tests regarding the significance of Kalimantan for ourselves, for Subud Indonesia, for Subud in the world and for the world in general (these were done on the second day by the men). For many this was the first time and even for those who had already done these tests in the past, the overall feeling was overwhelming. When we all got together afterwards, the first thing that came

about spontaneously, was to dedicate the meeting in a sense to the memory of Murray Clapham who passed away on the 4th of April and who in so many different ways had been a staunch supporter of enterprises and social projects in Kalimantan. In that moment of quiet I also asked that the meeting be blessed and that whatever should arise and come out would be beneficial for us all.

The morning began with what for many (especially younger members present) was an extremely moving moment when Pak Haryono, Pak Kuswanda and Pak Mansur Geiger spoke with feeling about their long term relationship and commitment to Kalimantan, Bapak's vision and their understanding of what Bapak hoped we would achieve in Kalimantan. Pak Haryono reminded us that Bapak's (and our) real mission as he expressed it many times is to re-form civilization and that Kalimantan was a place where this could still be achieved. Haryono spoke about our need to stop limiting ourselves to our personal self-interests and to start looking at the global interests. Others who have been closely involved in Kalimantan for a long time also had interesting stories: Ibu Ismana, Amaliya Lerrigo, Rashidah Macdonald and together with others pictures appeared and ideas started to grow.

After these shared accounts, the group, through a technique orchestrated by Harvey Peters (a professional facilitator and also WSA director) came to define 4 main focuses that were felt to be the most important at this point to be working on. The first and utmost was harmony, how to achieve it beginning with the development of harmony within oneself which only then can lead to harmony whilst working in a group. The second focus that came up was communication: miscommunication, bad or lack of communication is what leads to so much misunderstanding, speculation and even serious rumor mongering. Third was enterprise and how to develop enterprise support in Kalimantan as well as having the courage to create new enterprises that might be of an international nature. Fourth was education, what became clear is that everything we do in some way has an educational aspect, on the one hand the schools of course, but also on the other, the enterprises that have already acquired great respect locally and are seen as setting examples of 'how to do things in a better way'; this can be seen as educational, as we bring awareness to others by example.

A strong aspect that came out of all the further work done on these specific themes was the need to develop a close working relationship with the Subud Indonesia National Committee and members in Jakarta to bring awareness to members around Subud Indonesia of the significance of Kalimantan for Subud, the opportunities there are, as well as the support needed even from those who do not live or work there.

What also became obvious was that there is a certain amount of overlapping, like I said before: communication, education and enterprise can and should work together. Thus the idea to set up an Information and development office in Rungan Sari, to coordinate communication, enterprise support and specifically looking at new possibilities related to volunteering and / or student work experience. In the same way SINAR Investors

Association, which has been set up for the Subud shareholders in Kalimantan Gold Corporation (KGC), could become an association to represent and inform shareholders for other international enterprises that might exist in the future.

Attached are a number of specific outcomes and actions arising from the 4 themes worked on using the café conversation technique. This technique means that everyone present moves from one table (theme) to another, (which is centralized by one 'scribe'), either bringing a new idea or supporting the ideas already expressed by the previous participants, in this way bringing outcomes 'owned' by those present at this meeting and not directed by anyone other than the group as a whole. The last important mention is that only projects or ideas which had a name attached to their being carried out were defined as the final outcomes. This aspect was seen as very important so that the two days were not a "talk fest" and were seen to have measurable outcomes

To finish, I wish to say that the overall feeling expressed to me by the majority of those who were present was one of a renewed sense of understanding, excitement and even awe in regards to developments in Kalimantan, as well as the reminder mentioned above that when we, as Subud members, get together allowing a space for grace to come into any meeting we have, working without expectations and allowing real outcomes to develop, then something special may happen and even if it only becomes a reality for a number of people, that in and of itself will be a major achievement.

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