



# Muhammad Subuh Foundation Review

## Alicante - Trustees set Objectives for the Future

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The agenda for the Trustee's annual meeting, prior to the WSC Meeting in Alicante, covered a wide range of policy matters, assessment of applications for grants and loans for Subud Houses, the preparation of the budget for 1997 to be presented to WSC for approval, and plans up until the World Congress in '97.

The discussions took place over a period of four days during which time the trustees met with both SDIA and YMS board members. Prior to this the trustees, with Rahman Connelly facilitating, had a brainstorming session as to how they understood the Objectives of the Foundation.

### Foundations Objectives

**The purpose of the Foundation is to promote the long term and harmonious growth of Subud.**

From this the following objectives were agreed upon:-

- 1) Encourage donations of money and property from enterprises and a wide range of other donors;

- 2) Provide money to fuel Subud activities;
- 3) Stimulate and initiate projects to be implemented by the operational bodies of Subud (without governing);
- 4) Set standards of integrity, management and use of funds;
- 5) Satisfy the donors' wish to have their donations used well.

The factors which were considered essential to achieve these objectives were then elicited and the following critical success factors emerged:-

- 1) Trustees to work in harmony and foster good working relationship with WSA and the Wings;
- 2) Promote the purpose of the Foundation;
- 3) Make objectives clear to national liaisons and the Subud community;
- 4) Create confidence that the trustees act in a professional manner.

### HOT OFF THE PRESS!!!!

★ An amount of US\$800,000 has been received from an anonymous donor with the following message:

★ "A gift to the Muhammad Subuh Foundation in gratitude for everything that we have received and to acknowledge the Foundation's role of providing the financial base necessary to fulfil our founder's mission of bringing the latihan kejiwaan of Subud to all of mankind. Therefore we ask the trustees to use these funds prudently for the needs of the Subud organization wherever they might exist as well as to support our welfare and cultural wings where they can put forward projects worthy of the Foundation's support, AMEN."

By:-

- 1) Setting short and long term goals;
- 2) Trustees and National Liaisons to present the purpose and activities of MSF at International Meetings and National Congresses;
- 3) Effective administration;
- 4) Develop processes for larger volumes of grants and loans;
- 5) Create consistent image in presentations and promotional material;
- 6) Acknowledge and give feedback to donors.

Further refinement is necessary both because shortage of time left the process incomplete, and because, with time, the criteria may change. But as an exercise it was helpful, and proved useful in later discussions, where a disputed point became clear by referring to our objectives.

## MSF's Relationship with SDIA

So when preparing to meet the SDIA Board, through acknowledging the need to work in harmony with the Wings, and the wish to stimulate and initiate projects to be carried out by the Wings, the relationship fell into place.

The main difficulty in the past between SDIA and MSF has been the apparent wish of MSF to govern SDIA projects if funded by MSF. This arose because trustees are legally responsible for managing the funds received by the Foundation and implementing the donor's wishes. This is the meaning of a trust. So the trustees recommended that all Susila Dharma type donations should go direct to SDIA or National SD's and that applications for SDIA projects should go to SDIA.

The meeting with Rosanna Hille and the SDIA board resulted in this joint statement :-

"The Muhammad Subuh Foundation is the financial arm of the World Subud Association and manages assets and funds on its behalf in order to promote the long term harmonious growth of Subud. For these purposes the Foundation has various types of funds, one of which is the Social and Humanitarian Fund. This fund will be used for a wide range of social and humanitarian projects at the trustees' discretion. However the Foundation will work in close cooperation and consultation with SDIA and any

donation earmarked for SDIA or a national project will be simply passed straight on to SDIA. The Foundation may also give SDIA grants from the General Fund.

The Foundation's current priority is, however, to fundraise for Subud house projects and for the accumulation of permanent capital. Therefore, the Foundation will not be proactive in raising money for the Social and Humanitarian Fund at present. It should be SDIA's responsibility to fundraise for SDIA and national SD projects."

As Rosanna Hille, herself, adds:-

"SDIA is the organization created by Subud which fosters the development of the charitable goals of Subud. If Subud members would like more information about social projects, or wish to financially support these activities, they should contact projects directly, their national Susila Dharma organization or SDIA.

SDIA and its members provide a range of services to people active in the social field: communications, training and education, linking people together, technical and financial support, endowment funds that support social work, and representation to other organizations and the World Subud Association.

SDIA can work together with MSF in three main areas:

- 1) Sharing information about the social welfare projects of Subud members when appropriate.
- 2) Collecting information about activities of Subud members, such as co-sponsoring visits to isolated countries.
- 3) Funding projects together, for example joint sponsorship of a Subud house which also houses a successful social project.

The Board of SDIA feels it is very important that both MSF and SDIA explain clearly to Subud members their respective areas of responsibility, and support each others' mandate through their actions."

## Zaire

Working together, SDIA is assisting MSF in Zaire. An SDIA representative, jointly funded by SDIA and MSF is visiting Zaire in January, to assess the state of the projects there, and endeavor to find answers to questions needed by MSF to enable the Foundation to assist with a Subud house project there. It is hoped that through the collaboration of SDIA and MSF this project will also house a school.

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## MSF's Relationship with YMS

There is already a close working relationship between the Foundation and YMS (Yayasan Mulia Subud), and as Ibu Rahayu is also present on both boards, plus Hartati Horthy represents MSF at the YMS meetings. At the meeting in Alicante, which was also attended by Bp and Ibu Kuswanda of YMS and Ibu Hardiyati as an International Helper, it was agreed that the directors (founders) of YMS will in future be appointed by the Muhammad Subuh Foundation. The appointments will be approved by the World Subud Association guided by the testing of the International Helpers. It was also agreed, if legally possible, that MSF be registered as the founder of YMS.

This is to bring the activities of YMS, which are linked with the international Subud organisation under the cognizance of the WSA through MSF. In this way, YMS as a national body, works with MSF under the auspicious knowledge of the World Subud Association.

YMS manages Bapak's house and receives income from renting the premises to two Subud projects - YMI an international music school and Cita Buana an Indonesian national school. These are independent projects; however YMS is responsible for the Subud Library in the house and also, now, the Archives.

The YMS Board reports:-

"While waiting for Subud Indonesia to push forward the development of Kalimantan as envisaged by Bapak, YMS has had the opportunity to take an initiative in sharing this task. Ownership of PT Bina Tengkilung Utama - which legally holds the Sei Gohong Guest House built by the UK KSG - was transferred to YMS in 1993. Not long afterwards, shares of PT PCB, which Bapak established to contain Kalimantan projects and presently the holding company for the land at Tengkilung, was also transferred to YMS.

Land taxes of PT PCB land at Tengkilung, Sei Gohong and Marang (formerly 600 ha, now 157 ha), were and still are being paid by YMS. PT PCB has now a legal "User's Right" status for 10 years for the current 157 ha of land. This land tenure was obtained with the help of an Indonesian Subud member who donated about US\$45,000 and several months of effort by his legal team. 44 plots of 1000 m<sup>2</sup> of land were sold in 1994 and with part of this money, PT PCB was able to fence the land, as required.

The plotters register was completely updated in 1994 and an international team was invited to make a plan for urban development. In November 1996, the first stone was laid for a latihan hall and a plan for a first phase housing development of 40 houses was approved. Ten houses will be built in 1997. The same Subud member who donated the money to legalize the Subud land, has again donated the money to construct a one kilometer access road to the housing estate "Rungan Sari". He will also give a donation, on behalf of Subud Indonesia, towards the construction of a latihan hall at Rungan Sari. The development of Rungan Sari will be done by PT Kalimantan Witana Bakti, a subsidiary of PT PCB.

YMS, through PT Kalimantan Suka Mulia, another subsidiary of PT PCB, is also involved in coordinating the Kalimantan plantation project. This undertaking is in cooperation with the Ministry of Transmigration, to develop a palm oil plantation in Tumbang Jutuh, Central Kalimantan. YMS was able to negotiate a 20% share for PT PCB in a joint venture partnership with an offshore established company which will seek funding for the project.

Since both PT KWB and PT KSM are subsidiaries of PT PCB, the shares of which are wholly owned by YMS, the 20% shares maintained by the subsidiary companies in joint ventures with offshore companies, will contribute to the financial wealth of YMS."

Both Subud Indonesia, and the international through MSF, will benefit from this expected revenue of YMS.



## MSF's Relationship with WSA

It was agreed, that as the Foundation is the financial institution that manages the funds and assets for WSA, it should be affiliated to WSA and have a seat on the Council.

## Run up to World Congress

Work has begun, with the help of Simon Cherpital, on the presentation MSF is to make to a plenary session and on a booth depicting the Foundation's aims and achievements. This booth will be manned by the trustees so any questions can be answered. It is hoped to also have workshops on how to make a bequest.

The trustees, whose term of office started last Congress, will have completed their term, so Zonal representatives

have been asked to find new candidates to be tested at the World Congress. Some people have already agreed to be candidates and some trustees have agreed to be tested for another term.

The work load for the trustees has grown considerably in the past three years reflecting the increased activity. Criticism has been leveled at the Foundation for being unexciting and pedestrian, but in the decision to support the acquisition of Subud houses, by providing the most basic need - a place to do latihan together - the excitement will come in how these Subud houses are used, what activities are generated as a result of them. We hope to be able to show this at the World Congress.



*Ibu Wisnu hands over the YSBD cash box to YMS Treasurer, Iwan Dhaniel as Vice Chair, Pak Kuswanda looks on.*

## SUBUD INT ARCHIVE CENTRE - CILANDAK

### YMS takes on the task of caring for Bapak's Archives

At the WSC meeting in Alicante, the Council received a request for WSC to take over responsibility for the International Archive Centre and Bapak's Archives from the Susila Budhi Dharma Foundation of Indonesia. All the members of the YSBD Board had offered their resignation as they felt that the major part of their work had been completed.

Also, in view of the diminishing financial support of ISC, they requested that some alternative source of funding be found in order to finance the basic costs of securely maintaining Bapak's Archives in Indonesia.

At the request of WSC, the trustees of MSF discussed this question with Ibu Rahayu, Chairperson of YMS, and she agreed to YMS taking care of the International Archives, but, with the proviso that ISC would continue its financial support at the current level of US \$7,600 per annum. The average monthly expenditure for electricity (air-conditioning) and honoraria currently amounts to \$1,335 per month or \$16,020 a year.

On Saturday 16 November, 1996, YMS formally took over the bank accounts and cash box from YSBD Treasurer Ibu Setianingsih Wisnu, and the Archive Yayasan was closed down. YMS has opened a new bank account, designated for Archive's funding.

The Board of YMS has stated that securing the safety of Bapak's Archives is the number one priority. Following discussions with the Archive co-ordinator Latif des Tombe the Chairman of Yayasan Subud Bapak Haryono, was approached, and he has agreed to allow the Archives to remain in their metal safe boxes in the west wing of the Latihan hall for a further two years. There is also enough space there to accommodate temporarily, the staff and the remaining files from the Archive house.

Since the program of Archive activities is nearing completion, staffing will be reduced to a secretary and an office boy. A saving will be made on the high cost of electricity when the whole operation is moved to the Latihan hall, vacating the Archive house so that it can be renovated and leased. The income from the leasing will more than adequately cover the annual running costs, and the surplus will be accumulated with the aim of building a vault to securely house Bapak's Archives for the long term future. A Subud member has already offered to lease the house and pay two years rent in advance, so that the renovations can start immediately, and at no cost to YMS.

YMS plan to feature the Archives in a permanent exhibition in the main hall of Bapak's house, and to have an archive reading facility in the existing Library of Bapak books and videos which was set up last year. The YMS board consider looking after Bapak's Archives as a serious responsibility, and will prepare plans for housing them in purpose built vault in a permanent location which has yet to be decided.

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*Bapak's House in Wisma Subud, Indonesia - where YMS intends to feature a permanent exhibition on Archives.*

## SUBUD HOUSES

### Applications at Alicante

#### National Centre, Canberra

At Alicante six requests were considered, one of these being for the International Archives component of the proposed National Centre in Canberra, Australia. Unfortunately, because of MSF's limited funds, the trustees felt the emphasis must still focus on Subud houses and latihan premises, so, no grant or loan is possible for this project at this time. Maxwell Fraval, the National Centre coordinator, therefore, took it on himself to travel to Europe and the United States to seek support for the project.

The other applications were from Lima Peru, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, Quevedo Ecuador, Zaire and Indonesia.

#### Indonesia

Because many Subud properties were bought in individual Subud members' names, money is needed to legalize the ownership, and transfer the properties to a new foundation YSDI established by the National Committee for this purpose. Some properties have available land for sale, which, once transferred to YSDI, could finance the purchase of further Subud houses. \$5,000 was granted to the Indonesian National Committee to start this legalisation process.

#### Lima, Peru

The group requested a grant of \$30,000 and a loan of \$10,000 to complete the renovation and enlargement of their Subud house. A grant of \$20,000 was proposed and ratified through testing with the international helpers.

#### Quevedo, Ecuador

A sum of \$20,000 was requested to finish their Subud house. A grant of \$10,000 was offered after confirmation through testing, and was accepted.

"Today we have received the sum of US\$ 10,000 from our National Chairperson for the completion of our Subud House. This sum has today been banked into our group bank account, so we may now commence further construction and completion. We estimate, taking into account the festive season, that approximately 4-5 months may be necessary for completion.

Once again, we all from our group here, thank Almighty God for this grant and pray that this building will establish our Subud identity here at Quevedo, God Willing."

*Leopoldo Guerra  
Chairman Subud Quevedo*

#### Zaire

Zaire asked for support for an International Centre. It was felt better to attend to the needs of the groups first, possibly combining a Subud house with a school sponsored by SDIA. This was communicated to their National Committee but no reply has been received. The situation, politically and economically, is chaotic and seems to be reflected amongst the members there. Diabanza Alvaro of Fundacion Amor is going on a fact finding mission for SDIA and SD Netherlands in January, and will also meet with the National Committee of Subud Zaire, on behalf of MSF, to find out plans for a Subud house in Kinshasa.

#### Kuala Lumpur

Subud Malaysia applied for a loan of \$60,000 to purchase office space as a latihan hall, on an industrial estate. The problem the group faces, is that mortgages are not given to associations, only individuals. Their previous house was lost due to the mortgage being in one member's name.

The group has now arranged its finance to buy the property with a \$30,000 loan from MSF. The ownership will be in the hands of Subud Malaysia and has been approved by the government agency for societies. The testing by the Area 1 International Helpers was positive, so the loan is now approved.

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## Further Applications

### Cherkassy, Ukraine

The application form from the group has been received and on the basis of this the trustees have agreed in principle to their request for a grant of \$16,000 and an interest free loan of \$16,000, provided all the legal points have been satisfied.

Other requests have come from Quito-Ecuador; Armenia-Colombia; and San Cristobal-Venezuela. Mexico and Cuba also wish to apply and have been sent application forms.

## Loans about to be returned

### India - Good News !

As diplomatic channels were proving ineffective, a firm of Indian lawyers was approached with the result that the Ministry of Home Affairs has given permission for the loan frozen by the government to be returned to MSF, and have instructed the State Bank accordingly.

### Mina Clavero

Their former Subud house has been sold and the proceeds are to be paid to MSF towards their loan of \$15,000

## SO, WHAT HAS BEEN SPENT?

Since 1992, MSF, has funded the following Subud projects (amounts expressed in US\$):

Latihan Hall, Amanacer, Colombia	238,982
New Well, Amanacer	10,000
Amanacer Insurance & transfer tax	2,700
Subud Madras India House Grant	20,000
Mina Clavero Subud House Grant	10,000
3 yr Loan	15,000
New York USA Subud House Grant	400
Atlanta USA Subud House Grant	1,450
Subud Peru House Grant	20,000
Cita Buana School - Private Donation	18,280
Subud Quevedo Ecuador Grant	10,000
Susila Dharma Int - Social Programs	7,676
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 354,488</b>

## FURTHER AMOUNTS THAT HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

Malaysia - now approved	30,000
Ukraine - provisionally approved	32,000
National Centre, Australia	186,000
Quito, Ecuador	40,000
Armenia, Colombia	80,000
San Cristobel, Venezuela	70,000
Indonesia YSDI approved	5,000
Zaire	30,000
<b>Total of further applications</b>	<b>US\$ 473,000</b>

The budget for 1997 for funding Subud properties is only US\$150,000.



## DONATING TO THE MUHAMMAD SUBUH FOUNDATION

The question has been asked why establish another institution in Subud, when we already support the ones we have.

The short answer is, that WSA and the Wings are focused on current activities whereas the Foundation's Trustees are focused on the long term growth of Subud.

The Foundation aims to become recognised by the brotherhood as an informed and trustworthy body, capable of receiving donations and managing them in a fair, unbiased manner to benefit the growth of Subud worldwide.

There will be no doubling of roles; if Subud members are already clear as to how they wish their money to be spent, they can give it directly to the organization they want to support.

Members may distinguish in their own minds, when giving a donation, whether they wish it to support Subud in their own group, nationally or worldwide. The Foundation is the vehicle for giving internationally.

There have been about one hundred contributors to the Foundation since its inception, both large and small. MSF

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is there for all members to contribute to, no matter the amount, if they wish to support the growth of Subud worldwide, beyond the boundaries of their own group, country or zone.

One way of doing this is through leaving a bequest in your will.

## WILLS AND BEQUESTS

### Questions and Answers

During the last year the Foundation has received bequests from the estates of several deceased members. Rahman Connelly, who is the trustee responsible for Wills and Bequests, has also received a number of enquiries about how to go about making a bequest to the Foundation. Here he deals with eight of the most asked questions on the subject.

*Question 1: How do I make a bequest to the Foundation?*

Answer: Simply ask your legal advisor to include in your Will a bequest to the Muhammad Subuh Foundation to be applied to the general purpose of the Foundation. The address of the Foundation is:  
The Muhammad Subuh Foundation,  
1577 Spring Hill Road, Suite 402,  
Vienna, VA 22182-2223  
USA.

*Question 2: Are there any problems in making a bequest to a Foundation based in the USA?*

Answer: The Foundation's charter permits it to operate on a world wide basis. Therefore it can, and does receive, without problems, bequests from throughout the world. Also the USA has no currency controls, which means that the trustees can apply funds to anywhere in the world.

*Question 3: Are there any taxation consequences of the Foundation being in the USA?*

Answer: The Foundation is a tax exempt non-profit corporation in the USA. Therefore the Foundation will not pay tax upon receipt of a bequest, nor does it pay tax on any interest or dividends received.

*Question 4: Can I include in my bequest the investments I hold in S. Widjojo and Kalimantan Gold Limited?*

Answer: There is no problem doing so, provided they are specified in your Will.

*Question 5: How will my bequest be used?*

Answer: Generally a bequest is worded, "to be applied to

the general purposes of the Foundation". In this case funds will be allocated by the trustees to the Foundation's programs. For example, the current focus of the trustees is to provide assistance for the acquisition or building of Subud Houses in lesser developed countries.

*Question 6: Can I be more specific on how I want my bequest applied?*

Answer: Apart from nominating "general purposes", you can specify the Permanent Capital Fund which requires the capital to be permanently maintained, with only its income used by the Trustees. You could also nominate one or more of the specific purpose funds for Subud Houses, Social/Humanitarian, Culture or Youth.

*Question 7: What if I want to make a bequest to a specific welfare or Subud project?*

Answer: In this case you should direct your bequest to that welfare or Subud project, not to the Muhammad Subuh Foundation.

*Question 8: How do I find out more?*

Answer: Write to:  
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Rahman will send you information on how to go about making a bequest and have your name put on the mailing list for this Review.

For further information concerning The Foundation, please write for a brochure and portfolio to:-

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