



MISSION

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation honors the name of the founder of Subud, Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo. It serves to build a lasting financial capacity for the Subud community, with dedication to the long-term aims of the World Subud Association.

VISION

The Foundation envisages a Subud community that is active and effective in the world, in all fields of human endeavor. It supports this vision by providing financial and other assistance to a wide-range of activities and programs, including social and humanitarian work, cultural endeavors, youth projects, and others.

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As trustees of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, we are guided in our work by the following values:

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We are committed to working through inner guidance, combined with common sense and best practise, in making decisions and carrying out our actions.

Diversity

We value diversity of the human spirit and recognize the uniqueness of each human being.

Integrity

We base our relationships with our donors, recipients, and the community on mutual trust, candor, and transparency.

Sustainability

We believe in effecting sustainable change with transformational goals and measurable positive outcomes, recognizing that how things are done is as important as what is done.

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The Bapak Legacy Fund: An idea from the 1960's evolved as Bapak's Centenary Approached

The Bapak Legacy Fund ("BLF") was the second endowment fund to be brought under the umbrella of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation ("MSF"), after the Farkas Fund. The concept for the fund was discussed at the 1998 MSF meetings in Cilandak, attended by Latifah Taormina, who brought forth the proposal as a way to celebrate Bapak's centenary. When Ibu Rahayu was asked to comment on the appropriateness of starting such a fund in honor of Bapak, she said that it would be more difficult now for members to know Bapak and have a feeling of closeness to Bapak. She urged us to approach this project as a "kind of prayer"...*"to open a door so that the real Bapak could come through."*

Ibu did not spell out what we could do to help people know Bapak, but did say that if we made something with that purpose, then *"those who come later will know Bapak."* And she repeated this advice at a meeting held in PT S Widjojo, the enterprise initiated by Bapak: *"We don't want to make Bapak alive again, but we need to understand that the latihan [spiritual exercise] came from Bapak, that he was the first person with the latihan. That is the reason Ibu Rahayu suggests that if we want to give something to Bapak, that we make something so people can feel close to Bapak."*

When Rohana Mitchell, former trustee of MSF, wondered if we could use Bapak's centenary as an occasion to express our love for one another - in honor of Bapak's love for us - Latifah remembered Rohana's questions: *"How can we give to smaller group projects? How can we give support to members from the money we raise?"* The interest from the fund was set up to help groups to buy Subud houses. As Latifah recalls, the idea was very appealing to her - she finds that she gets closer to someone by working with them.

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*Bapak in the 1980's
Photo courtesy of Simon Cherpitel*



*Construction of the new classroom at BCU
Photos courtesy of Muhammad Bachrun Bustillo*

BCU: Expansion underway!

The school at Rungan Sari, Central Kalimantan, is literally bursting at the seams with students; a waiting list attests to the demand for the kind of quality education provided by Bina Cita Utama ("BCU"). To meet this demand, four extra classrooms are desperately needed.

In March, MSF agreed to provide a grant of US\$20,000 to launch the construction of two of the classrooms, plus a small kitchen; completion is expected by mid-July.

Construction work began immediately on the first two classrooms. However, **a further US\$20,000 will be needed** to complete all four classrooms.

This is the first step in the overall expansion of BCU. Looking to the future, BCU held a strategic planning session last December which identified the critical need and timing of growth so that many more students could be incorporated in the first and only full-fledged National Plus School in the province. If adequate enlargement of the capacity of the school is not ready soon, there is the very real possibility

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Origins of the Bapak Legacy Fund, continued

Long before MSF was created, Peter Filippelli first had an idea at the Skymont Congress, USA, in 1970 to begin a "million dollar fund," hoping to fundraise \$1,000 donations from 1,000 people, which would provide funding for projects being discussed, following Bapak's initiatives. At Skymont, Peter spoke to some people seeking approval for his idea and, as he recalls, Varindra Vittachi said it was a good idea but it was not yet time. That proposal did raise some money, but did not yet flourish - as many efforts were going toward the creation of the first Subud bank.

Peter remained interested in the idea of setting up an endowment fund that would continue to provide for Subud projects, using only the interest and preserving the principal. Thus began an odyssey for members of the team which included Latifah, Peter, Oswald Pappa, Lucian Parshall, and others. While the fund was generated through efforts in the U.S., it is an international fund for projects around the world and in effect, as with other funds, it belongs to all Subud members throughout the world. As Latifah confessed, she had no idea of all the issues that would arise, and it was Peter's conviction and a shared feeling deep inside of all team members to follow the unfolding work that kept the project progressing. Latifah gives a lot of credit to Peter Filippelli who persisted through many obstacles. If Peter were not there to solve numerous problems and direct the legal portion, the fund would not have happened, she says.

Latifah describes her own learning curve as she tried to raise money through her own excitement over creating a fund to support Subud efforts all over the world, in honor of Bapak. Whenever she used this passion in her work, the obstacles stubbornly persisted. For Latifah, who describes her artist's nature as 'cantankerous and impatient', it was a learning experience in patience; each time she tried to push forward, her efforts would often flop. Over and over, she was forced to surrender her desire to make the idea come into fruition. "If it's for Bapak, one cannot use the ego to fight for a result." And each time she was able to give it up and surrender, the needed next step would evolve. At the Rocky Gap National Congress, USA, Ibu Rahayu was present to appreciate this new beginning and gave the first donation of \$1,000 to begin the fundraising. Oswald Pappa, a professional fundraiser, volunteered his time in the fundraising effort.

In putting forth effort to get backing for the fund, the team had to work with members who had reservations born of the failures of earlier Subud



Early photo of Peter and Rosina Filippelli
Photo courtesy of Latifah Taormina

projects, who consequently insisted on extra legal counsel and advice. So, Peter Filippelli hired a leading lawyer in planned giving and endowments, but a number of members insisted on still further legal counsel. Latifah was quite discouraged that it seemed the early donations were going to be used to pay lawyers.

Yet again, Latifah had to surrender her ambitions and sense of purpose. "I think the angels were guiding us," she reflects, telling a curious story that allayed her doubts and made her feel that the project was taking direction from another place: Marcus Bolt designed a logo which appeared on the first Bapak Legacy Fund brochures. When the brochures came out, they had an unpleasant surprise; the logo was in the same shape as the BP oil company logo, but with different background colors. Latifah had a friend who was in the trademark business and who knew many people at BP. In the end there was an agreement that BLF would drop use of their logo and in return BP agreed to pay \$10,000. All of the money that went out in lawyers' fees was recovered. Peter continued to work to create a strong legal agreement that maintains the capital and reinvests the interest until the fund reaches five million dollars, or ten years have passed.

Shortly after the BLF was created, Isaac Goff created a website for MSF for the Bapak Legacy Fund which is linked to the MSF website at www.msubuhfoundation.org and to the Subud USA site. For further information on how the interest is to be used, see the website for the Bapak Legacy Fund.

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FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

29 May - 1 June: Trustee meeting in Spain

Foundation Trustees will be meeting together in conjunction with the meeting of the Directors of the World Subud Association. Decisions will be taken regarding the selection of the CEO for the Foundation, applications for funding, investments, and the 2010 budget. Reviews of the draft 2008 Annual Report, strategic goals, communications, national liaison roles and function, affiliate reports, and improving relationships with WSA will also be conducted. Preparations for the World Congress will include a review of Trustee selection procedures, as several Trustee positions will be open.

2008 Annual Report due out soon

The draft of the Foundation's Annual Report will be finalized at the end of the month. The report will be available for viewing on the Foundation's website: www.msubuhfoundation.org

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BCU expansion, continued

that another school will be formed to address the growing need for excellent education in the area. A capital campaign is currently being planned by BCU to raise a substantial amount of funding, mostly from within Indonesia, to build a large educational facility on land near the Muhammad Subuh Centre at Rungan Sari.

Palangkaraya, the capital city of Central Kalimantan, has recently undergone a surge of business activity, with a number of quality hotels being constructed and the province making plans for an international airport. With more companies and their families moving into the area, a greater the demand for good education is expected.

To support the expansion effort of BCU, funds may be sent through MSF, or directly to BCU. Visit BCU's website for further information: www.bcu-school.org

Origins of the Bapak Legacy Fund, continued

On the website you can also read of the goals that directed the founding of the BLF fund:

To create an endowment fund in honor of Bapak that furthers the mission of Subud worldwide;

To have the fund under the management of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, whose duty it is to both honor Bapak's name and protect and develop the international assets of Subud;

To provide endowed resources whereby Subud members everywhere can participate in this gift.

Simone Paige writes: I wish to thank Latifah Taormina and Peter Filippelli for sharing their memories of the Bapak Legacy Fund as well as those who worked with them: Peter Mark Richman, Oswald Pappa, Laura Paterson, Isaac Goff, Lewis Olds, Melanie Branchflower and others. I have presented here primarily Latifah's story, but she stresses that many were involved. MSF is also grateful to donors and others who have helped over time to build the fund, and all of those Subud members who have taken an interest in the fund.

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FOUNDATION PROJECTS: SUBUD HOUSES

Popayan, Colombia



Subud Popayan

Popayan is located in southwestern Colombia, six hours driving time from the border of Ecuador. The nearest large city is Cali.

In November 1997, the Popayan Subud group applied to MSF for funding of a number of projects including the construction of a multi-purpose meeting hall using adobe and alternative construction methods. With MSF grants and a loan, the group built the Popayan Subud House.

The Subud house is in a rural area towards which the city is expanding. The house is, in general, in good condition with the roof needing some repair. Access to the house is not easy for members especially during the week and on days when it rains.

There are approximately 40 members, 15 men and 25 women. Many work as academics, lawyers, farmers and so on. In 2008 some of Subud Popayan's young people won an award for the best amateur rock music band in Colombia.

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