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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 practice, 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.

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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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Subud Education Fund announces first Scholarship Awards

By Kumari Beck, WSA Subud Education Fund Coordinator

The very first scholarship awards by the newly-established WSA Subud Education Fund were recently announced, making 13 young people from seven different countries very happy indeed. The top award winner is **Alfira Ni Luh Sukraeni Widyatmi**, a young Subud member from the Rungan Sari group in Kalimantan (Indonesia) who is training to be a nurse. Other award winners were:

Diana Rangel Ordonez (Colombia) - Management

Rosana Daandel (Ecuador) - Music and voice training

Saminathan Samy (India) - PhD in Development Communication

Dmitriy Burkovskiy (Ukraine) - Diploma in Economics

Miguel Angel Gutierrez Estupinan (Mexico) - Legal studies

Roberta Kalinichenko (Ukraine) - Final exam in Botmer Gymnastics and pedagogy

Gregorio Ghofar Perez Paredes (Mexico) - Certification in health and nutrition

Chavisa Brett (Canada) - Masters degree in Environmental Studies

Cesar Morales Mendes (Mexico) - Advanced studies in French

Yanda Lestari (Indonesia) - Grade X-1, Upper Secondary school in Jakarta

Raditiya Pujiyanto (Indonesia) - Grade 1 student in Buaran, Jakarta Timur

Yunior Mohamed Fauzi (Indonesia) - Economics and Management



Kumari Beck

The WSA Subud Education Fund was established to provide financial support to Subud members or their family members towards completing an educational program, whether it is elementary or secondary school, vocational school, professional training, training in the arts, or postsecondary education. We often talk about how education is 'the key to a better future' but are sometimes unaware of the challenges and financial difficulties that may be involved in pursuing an educational program.

The launch of the WSA Subud Education Fund was made possible by a \$5,000 grant awarded for scholarships by the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF). After some thought and consideration on the terms and the criteria for the scholarships, the call for applications went out early this year. One of the challenges we encountered was distributing this information to ensure that Subud members who might benefit from this program would actually get the application package and procedures, and in the language that they could work with. After the review team completed its work, the results from this first round were announced.

The Subud Education Fund has started with a small sum - just \$5000 - but look at how far it has gone towards helping the 13 recipients for 2009! The stories of these individuals are very inspiring, and we will publish more details about each awardee at a later date. We hope that

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Deadline approaches for trustee nominations

Foundation trustee nominations will close as of 30th September 2009 for the four trustee positions that will become available in January 2010 at the World Congress. If you are willing to step forward, you can be nominated by your national committee, a member of the World Subud Council, or an MSF trustee.

The term of a trustee is four years, and the work is very rewarding. Trustees spend an average of 10-15 hours per week on Foundation business, considering grant or loan applications; exploring investment strategies; strengthening Foundation procedures & policies; improving its service to the membership, the World Subud Association, international helpers, and wing organizations; and, defining longer-term objectives.

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these results will inspire you to make donations to this Fund, via the Muhammad Subuh Foundation website, so that we can continue with this program in the years to come (*donate to the "General Fund" with the comment added: "for the Subud Education Fund"*).

The support of many made the Subud Education Fund possible

I would like to thank everyone who helped us to get this off the ground: Firstly, to MSF for providing us with the first grant needed to make this program a reality; Secondly, to the Care Support Team - Garrett Thomson, Rayner Sutherland and Rosanna Hille - who provided much of the input and discussion into all of the steps of this process; to Education Fund team member Laurie Lathrop (USA) who helped with the criteria, the process, and the review of all the applications; and to our translators Ghislaine Servant, David McCormick, Ari Kartodirdjo, and especially Ramona Ruiz - who spent hours of her precious student time to help me with Spanish translations and perspectives of applicants from difficult circumstances.

We have learned a lot, and the next time around we will refine the process to address those glitches we experienced this time. As well, we are hoping you will be moved to donate to this fund, so that subsequent MSF grants can be extended, doubled, or even tripled by you. This has been a very rewarding experience and I invite you to participate in this very worthwhile endeavour.

By Kumari Beck, Subud Education Fund Coordinator

Editor's Note: *The WSA Care Support Program was formed about a year after the Innsbruck World Congress with a mandate to support Subud members in real need. At the time the only service offered by the Care Support Program was the International Almoners. The International Almoners were re-named the "WSA Subud Emergency Fund" and became an internationally based team. Recently, a new WSA Care Support service became available to Subud members and their families - the **WSA Subud Education Fund**. This was made possible by an initial start-up grant from MSF for \$5,000. Kumari Beck and another experienced Subud educator, Laurie Lathrop, manage this program. They have just finished awarding the first set of educational grants. In the last few weeks another large number of applications have arrived from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). In the DRC, elementary students need to pay for their tuition, uniforms and text books. While MSF will likely be providing some ongoing support for this program, Kumari, understandably, wishes to invite the whole Subud membership to get behind this worthy program. Hence, she is planning to fundraise for these DRC applications, with the Subud membership as a whole and particularly with professional Subud educators.*

FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

New Foundation accountant to be appointed

The Foundation expresses its sincerest gratitude and appreciation for outgoing accountant and treasurer, Leonard van Willenswaard, after his many years of conscientious, dedicated, and very professional work. Leonard's term as MSF trustee will be up for renewal in January 2010 and even though he may be willing to serve another term, he has decided to resign as the Foundation accountant. Discussions with a potential new accountant are underway and the results should be announced in the near future.

Youth travel matching-fund drive successful

The Foundation is pleased to announce that its pledge to contribute up to US\$30,000 in matching funds to benefit youth travel to the World Congress has been fully maximized. This campaign was unique in that both MSF and the Guerrand-Hermes Foundation for Peace each pledged up to US\$30,000 in matching funds, greatly leveraging the fundraising efforts of the youth.

Don't forget...

The deadlines for both MSF Trustee and MSF National Liaison nominations are fast approaching. There will be four trustee vacancies on the MSF Board during the upcoming World Congress in Christchurch. Formal nominations must be received by MSF by Sept. 30th to be considered. Check the MSF website for more details.

The deadline for MSF National Liaison nominations is October 30th. National Committees should please send in their nominations as soon as possible. MSF needs to have an extensive and strong network of proactive, reliable and engaged MSF National Liaisons to be able to effectively carry out its work and important service to the membership. Check the MSF website for more details.

Spanish and French translations of Foundation publications slated

Thank you to Samuel Chapleau, Laurencio Young, and David McCormick for joining MSF as volunteer translators. MSF eNEWS is now available in French and Spanish. We are still looking for more translation volunteers. Please contact Rayner Sutherland, MSF CEO, if you are able and willing to assist. Also, thank you to Valentine Narvey for joining MSF to support the extra graphic work these translations entail.

FOUNDATION SUPPORT: CAPACITY BUILDING

MSF & COLOMBIA: YEARS OF CONNECTIONS AND SUPPORT

By Lucas Roldan, Subud Colombia Chair and
MSF National Liaison

Colombia has the grace to be one of the countries with the highest number of Subud members: 530, distributed throughout the country. Twelve groups are formally constituted, of which eight have their own premises and one of them a plot of land to build a Subud hall on.

Since its beginnings the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) has been present with their help to realize some of these Subud halls. Amanecer was the first, with its Muhammad Subuh Great Hall, built and named in honour of Y.M. Bapak. At 2,000 square meters it is the largest Latihan hall in Latin America and it is where the 1993 Subud World Congress was held.

Three additional and most important groups in the country have received help from MSF: Subud Bogota in the center and the capital city; Subud Armenia, one of the oldest and most constant in the practice of the *latihan* (spiritual exercise of Subud), and Popayan in the South, one of the cities of great cultural tradition, architectural heritage, and richness.

Last year MSF held its annual meeting in Colombia during the third "Americas Gathering" and new bonds of cooperation and mutual assistance were strengthened between the two organizations.

Thanks MSF for always being present in the life of Subud Colombia. WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH!

Lucas Roldan, Subud Colombia Chair and MSF National Liaison



At the Gathering of the Americas, 2008, held at Amanecer, Colombia From left to right are: Felicidad Neira, Istafiah Ramirez, Maureen Lilo, Muchtar Martins, Ismail Romero, Renata Jimenez, Olvia Reksodipoetro, Hannah Baerveldt, Simone Paige, Reinaldo Mosquera, Hamid da Silva, Lucas Roldan and Emmanuel Fajardo.



Muhammad Subuh Great Hall, Amanecer Conference Center

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FOUNDATION SUPPORT: EDUCATION

BCU accommodates 'surprise' exchange students

The new classrooms funded by a grant from MSF were officially opened with a *Selamatan* (ceremonial prayers) in early June and were immediately used to accommodate a total of 21 students, when 10 new exchange students came to Sekolah Bina Cita Utama (BCU) from a

government school in Palangkaraya. These students came to join the BCU students at the request of the Head of the Education Department.

Without these new classrooms this request could not have been granted, as the largest classroom capacity previously was 12 students. In July 2009, the School was able to accept an additional 20 students and now has 71 students in total.



One of the new classrooms at BCU



BCU now has 71 students enrolled (photos courtesy of BCU)

The MSF Grant of US\$ 20,000 in March 2009 was used to construct two new classrooms at BCU School, Kalimantan. These classrooms were urgently needed as the School had reached maximum student capacity and was unable to accept any new enrollments. At the same time, there was a need to increase student numbers in order to be able to move towards financial break-even point. Thus the School was in a difficult position, and the grant came at an extremely important time in the growth and development of the School.

Two new classrooms were built adjoining the Siregar Building, which is situated on a double plot in Rungan Sari. The classrooms are 42 sq meters each and were designed to accommodate up to 15 students. A canteen/kitchen was also needed to provide the expected 95 meals each day for the new students and teachers. Previously, meals had been cooked in a resident's kitchen, which was becoming increasingly inconvenient and unsustainable due to the ever-increasing number of students.

The classrooms were built on time and within the budget because the School purchased all building materials and paid labor costs directly. This success was also made possible by Bachrun and Daniela Bustillo, who kindly donated their time to design, supervise and organize the construction, and by Raquel Alcobia who generously donated her time to do the construction drawings. Additional improvements such as landscaping, guttering, surface drainage, adjoining roofing and paving, were covered by a donation from Hamid and Istida Silva, whilst kitchen equipment, classroom furniture, tables, chairs, whiteboards, lockers, and cupboards were paid for by Susila Dharma Germany.

The School has a significant role in the growth and vitality of the community of Rungan Sari. It provides a doorway through which Subud is opened to the wider community and creates a positive perception of Subud among the people of Kalimantan because there is no other school like this in South or Central Kalimantan. For more information, visit: <http://www.bcu-school.org>

FOUNDATION SUPPORT: SUBUD HOUSES

Florence, Italy

At a Western Europe Zone 3 meeting in France in 1997, there was a strong feeling of mutual help among the countries involved. This spirit of *"Mutuo Soccorso"*, or mutual help, found its first expression in the "Subud House in Italy" project.

In less than a month premises were found, a feasibility study was done and fundraising started. The Florence Subud House, a ground-floor apartment in the heart of Florence, has a floor area of 110 square meters (1000 sq. ft.). The cost to acquire it, including all taxes, fees and restorations, was US\$125,000. The house is centrally located: a ten-minute walking distance from the central rail station (Santa Maria Novella) and very close to the monuments and museums of the historical city. (These include: Michelangelo's David, the Uffizi Gallery with Piazza della Signoria, the Duomo and the Baptistery).

The 780 sq. ft. apartment comprises a large domed latihan hall, plus a smaller room (with kitchen) and two bathrooms. The Subud House hosts the activities of the local group, and is used for general meetings of Subud Italy. It is also occasionally rented for other activities, such as workshops or short courses, held by non-Subud individuals or associations. Subud members are always welcome as guests, since the apartment is equipped with some beds.

In the spirit of mutual help, countries of the European Zone 3 assisted by Subud Italy, acquired this apartment in the heart of Florence. After much work and with financial assistance from these countries, plus a \$20,000 grant and \$10,000 loan from MSF, Subud Italy bought the place.



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