



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.

VALUES

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

Openness

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.

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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MSF appoints CEO

At the recent Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) Board of Trustees meeting in Spain in late May, Rayner Sutherland became the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for MSF. This is a new part-time position that is based on an honorarium. Rayner wanted to write to you to share with you a little about himself and to let you know about some upcoming vacancies on the MSF Board and the larger MSF team. Rayner writes:

My wife Pindy and I and our two daughters, Rayna and Megan, live in Vancouver, Canada. Both my wife and I are long-time social workers for the provincial government. I have a Master of Social Work degree from University of British Columbia. My wife and I also have a small business doing international adoption home studies.

I was opened in Subud twenty-five years ago. Both of my parents are long-time Subud members. In the early 1990's I was Subud Canada chair. Soon after Innsbruck I was appointed WSA Care Support Program administrator and WSA Subud Emergency Fund coordinator (previously known as the International Almoners). The Care Support Program's mandate is to provide support to Subud members in need.

Olvia Reksodipoetro is the MSF chairlady and there are seven other trustees: Hannah Baerveldt, Dahlan Foah, Muchtar Martins, Simone Paige, Ismana H. Sumohadiwidjojo, Osanna Vaughn as ex-officio member, and Leonard van Willenswaard. Lillian Shulman is the very competent and hard-working part-time administrator.

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Rayner Sutherland, new CEO of MSF, with daughters Megan and Rayna Photo courtesy of Rayner Sutherland



*Top photo: New classroom at BCU on the right
Lower photo: Inside view of one of the new classrooms
Photo right: A tiled terrace connects the new building with the main schoolhouse
Photos courtesy of Muhammad Bachrun Bustillo*

BCU follow-up

Thanks to funding from the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, Sekolah Bina Cita Utama ("BCU") at Rungan Sari now has a new classroom building to accommodate the increasing demand for quality education in Central Kalimantan.

In March, MSF provided a grant of US\$20,000 to launch the construction of two of the classrooms, plus a small kitchen. Another donor contributed a further \$20,000 to complete the second building, providing a total of four new classrooms.

The first building is now complete and ready for students. The second building will be finished soon.



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New CEO, continued

This current board either already has or is currently working on strengthening MSF in a number of key areas. They have recently established an Investment Advisory Committee consisting of experienced and respected financial professionals who are also Subud members. This is in addition to the financial and investment expertise that various current MSF Trustees already bring to the MSF Board. This Investment Advisory Committee will review, evaluate, monitor and make recommendations on MSF's current and future investments; the Advisors are not charging for these services.

The Board has also recently begun establishing an Investment Policy Statement. Hannah has been working very hard on overhauling and modernizing our website - we hope to have the new website launched sometime in early 2010. MSF continues to produce a very professional and informative E-newsletter. If you don't receive this E-newsletter and would like to do so, please contact Lillian at lillianshulman@netscape.net to be added to the mailing list. We hope to have as many Subud members as possible receiving this newsletter. These are just a few examples of the many things that have been done or are in the process of being done to further professionalize and strengthen MSF.

All of this progress doesn't mean that everything is great news. MSF, like virtually every other foundation, suffered considerable losses during



Rayner immediately set to work recording minutes of the MSF meeting in Spain Photo courtesy of Lillian Shulman

the recent global economic crisis, though things have improved significantly in the last few months. Our 2008 Annual Report is in its final draft stage and will be released soon. The MSF Annual Report will clearly outline all of MSF's financial information and provide important background and context for this financial report.

As you likely already know, the Muhammad Subuh Foundation is the organization within our international Subud community whose primary mandate is to receive bequests, donations and enterprise contributions from all of you and then to prudently and professionally build and manage those assets so that Subud has the financial resources necessary to achieve its long-term objectives and goals.

MSF provides annual and reliable core funding for:

- (1) A number of World Subud Association long-term programs such as the translation of Bapak's talks, the preservation of the international Subud archives, the writing of the History of Subud and the funding for the WSA Care Support Program;
- (2) To help local Subud groups throughout the world to finance and obtain a latihan hall of their own;
- (3) To provide financial support to a number of WSA affiliates and member initiated projects. For example, MSF just approved a grant for \$20,000 for Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta (YTS) under the direction of Bardolf Paul to continue their exceptional community development work in Kalimantan.

In fact, MSF has provided over 1.6 million dollars of funding these last 12 years to the World Subud Association and its affiliates. This current year alone MSF has either provided or has just approved grants for \$60,000 for various Subud groups to build or rent their own meeting halls, and has provided \$50,000 towards the aims of the World Subud Association for the critically important programs mentioned above and for other programs like International Helper travel. MSF also provided an additional \$30,000 this year, in matching funds, for the WSA Youth Travel Fund to assist young members to attend the upcoming Subud World Congress. MSF reliably funds these and other crucial programs year after year through your generous donations and bequests. Without your support, bequests, enterprise contributions and donations none of this would be possible.

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FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

\$20,000 Grant awarded to Yayasan Timbuhak Sinta

An application for social work in Central Kalimantan was approved and a grant amounting to \$20,000 was awarded to Yayasan Timbuhak Sinta. Part of a three-year project to empower small villages in the Bukit Batu area of Central Kalimantan (near Rungan Sari), this grant will assist Yayasan Timbuhak Sinta in its first year of the project's implementation and provide them with time to explore alternative funding sources for the subsequent two years.

Conversion of loan to grant for Subud Malang, Indonesia

Originally awarded a loan of \$10,000 for the construction of the Malang Subud house, the trustees approved a conversion of \$5,000 of that loan to a grant. With fluctuating exchange rates, the group was finding it more and more challenging to repay the loan.

Foundation Trustee Candidates

At the upcoming Subud World Congress in New Zealand, four trustee positions will become available. Information on how to apply for candidacy will be available soon.

New CEO, continued

There are four MSF trustees whose terms are ending at the upcoming Subud World Congress in New Zealand. One or more of these trustees may choose to stand for re-election. If so, their candidacy would still need to be formally reviewed and voted on and the International Helpers would have to also positively receive about them serving an additional four-year term. If serving as a trustee of MSF interests you, please talk to either an MSF Trustee, your national MSF liaison, your national committee, or your zone representative to enquire about this further and to consider becoming an MSF Trustee nominee.

Even with an exceptionally strong MSF Board of Trustees, MSF can never truly grow and strengthen without the full, proactive, inclusive and meaningful involvement of a team of MSF liaisons in many key countries. Until now there has typically been a sole MSF national liaison in a number of countries. For a variety of reasons, this has not always proven successful. We will be working closely with your national committees to quickly pursue the idea of having small teams of active and dedicated MSF liaisons in each country who can, among other things, inform the membership about MSF's role and work and to assist members in making bequests to MSF. The MSF Board very much hopes that a considerable number of dedicated and motivated Subud members will consider becoming a national MSF liaison. Please contact me at Rayner@dcnet.com to find out more about possibly becoming an MSF Trustee nominee or an MSF national liaison nominee.

Lastly, the MSF Board plans to approach various national committees and other Subud bodies to begin exploring the idea of working more collaboratively together in a few key areas (e.g. possibly exploring the idea of joint fundraising so that Subud organizations are not competing as much for your donations, which sometimes leads to "donor fatigue"). It is very important that the MSF Board engages with the national committees in a cooperative and inclusive way.



In Spain, communications between individuals and various Subud organizations were facilitated by dining together. Pictured above, exchanging ideas and exploring ways to achieve common goals together are (left to right): Olivia Moyano (SICA chairlady), Olivia Reksodipoetro (MSF chairlady and trustee), Hannah Baerveldt (MSF trustee), Frederic Richard (WSA vice-chairman), and Lillian Shulman (MSF administrator)

Photo courtesy of Lillian Shulman

My main reasons in writing to you now are to introduce myself as your newly appointed CEO for MSF, to let you know about the upcoming vacancies on the Board, to ask that you consider becoming a national MSF liaison, and to let you know how impressed I am with Olivia and the rest of the MSF Trustees and staff.

In an upcoming article I will share with you some additional ideas and plans the MSF Board of Trustees has for further strengthening MSF and its work.

Sincerely,
Rayner Sutherland
Muhammad Subuh Foundation CEO

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FOUNDATION PROJECTS: SUBUD HOUSES



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Muhammad Subuh Foundation 1997 Grant: US\$16,000 and 1997 Loan: US\$16,000.
On October 10th, 2007 the Loan was repaid fully.

Cherkassy, Ukraine

The Cherkassy Subud Group, located in the central part of Ukraine, was established in July 1992 and has about 30 members. They used to meet in different rented premises until May 1997 when they moved into their own house.

The group purchased it with assistance from Robert & Valentine Goebel and others, and subsequently, in 1999-2000, built a two-storied extension with a large basement thanks to funding from the Muhammad Subuh Foundation.

The house is about 300 square meters and includes three halls of about 50 square meters each, a large kitchen, an office room with a computer and access to internet and Skype, a sitting room with a library, a guest room with two beds, two toilet rooms and a shower, two storerooms and a large attic.

The house is the center of many activities of the Cherkassy Subud group and of Subud Ukraine: latihan, meetings, national congresses, international gatherings and entertainment. Members' families, children and non-Subud people are often invited to attend. Many Subud guests from abroad have visited the group and have taken part in the Subud events in the house. Furthermore, all the three halls are rented out for yoga, belly dance and fitness classes. The funds received help the group to pay for utilities and to meet some other needs of the group.

Attached to the house is a 622 square meter plot of land that the group is trying to acquire with support of Subud brothers and sisters from abroad. The Cherkassy town is situated on the bank of the river Dnipro in a picturesque environment and is surrounded by many historical places. The Subud group is always happy to receive Subud visitors with their families and Subud youth from abroad and to show them around and to do latihan together, as well as to develop enterprises.