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WELCOME

Message from the Chair of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation



Dear brothers and sisters,

Welcome to the first edition of the MSF eNews of 2014. Many members have asked about the work of MSF and how it differs from the goals of the World Subud Association and so, in this eNews, I would like to clarify the mission of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation. You can also view a video that explains the work of MSF on the homepage of our website <http://www.msubuhfoundation.org>

In this edition, we will also focus on how the Foundation supports Subud Groups to obtain their own latihan premises with a special focus on the latest developments at Subud Washington, DC.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation to our donors and also welcome Judy Gibb to the MSF team as our new secretary. Judy's support will no doubt help the Foundation to grow and flourish.

And finally, I would like to wish all of you a joyous year and hope to see you at the next World Congress in Puebla, Mexico.

With Love

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bactiar Lorot". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Bactiar Lorot



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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 emphasis on 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 many fields of human endeavor. It supports this vision by providing financial and other assistance to a wide-range of activities and programs aimed at improving the condition of the communities they serve, including social and humanitarian work, cultural endeavors, child and youth

VALUES

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

Integrity In making decisions and carrying out our actions, we are committed to working through personal integrity and best practice combined with inner guidance and common sense.

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

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

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

Working Together

During the board of trustees meeting last year, the Foundation reviewed, together with the WSA board of directors, MSF's mission and priorities: the Foundation's resources focus on the long term development of Subud – Susila Budhi Dharma – to facilitate the strengthening the latihan and the preservation of its original quality as received by Bapak, so the latihan can be passed on from generation to generation for the benefit of humankind. This statement is simple yet full of wisdom and touched us all.

The three pillars of the MSF grant program were then confirmed:

- 1) to support the Subud groups' ownership of latihan premises,
- 2) to support International Helper travel to Subud groups around the world
- 3) to support the preservation of Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's talks for the next generations and to support easy access to those talks by members.

The implementation of these programs requires a clear understanding of the respective roles and responsibilities of MSF and WSA as the foundation of a harmonious and efficient working relationship between the two teams.

The purpose of this article is to share with you the mutual understanding that arose last summer in Poio between the two organizations, for a more harmonious and efficient collaboration that will benefit the world Subud community. After establishing MSF priorities, the different responsibilities of MSF and WSA were identified and work allocated.

MSF's priorities are:

1. Maintaining and holding assets (physical and financial)
2. Receiving donations and bequests
3. Supporting Subud groups to own latihan premises
4. Supporting international helper (IH) visits to Subud groups
5. Supporting the preservation of and access to Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's talks
6. Supporting the WSA affiliate and wing organizations, if there is enough funding.

Maintaining and Holding assets (physical and financial)

Maintaining and holding assets is certainly the main area where MSF and WSA can collaborate in a productive and harmonious manner. As a matter of fact, the right balance has to be decided on between present expenditure (distribution of grants to programs and for management) and the proportion invested to build capital for future generations. MSF and WSA share the same interest in building the assets and in providing support for the development of Subud.

For this purpose, both MSF and WSA have to agree on the maximum percentage of MSF's Cash Reserve that can be distributed every year that is within the maximum ten percent of the general fund and restricted fund that is mentioned in the MSF bylaws.

In addition, MSF and WSA confirmed that the policy for MSF's investment portfolio is to preserve the existing principal and seek investment income and capital appreciation in a prudent manner.

Receiving donations and bequests

During the 2013 annual meeting it was also agreed that MSF will continue its effort to provide open and transparent communication about its activities so that individual members and enterprises will get every opportunity to gain understanding of MSF's policies, activities and impact. Conversely, WSA will be fully engaged in publicizing the aims and purpose of MSF within the world Subud community and of any fundraising effort that may be decided on.

This policy recognizes the noble nature of MSF in supporting and preserving the long-term assets of Subud. The intention is to create a space for individuals to feel free to contribute to MSF as an expression of their gratitude for what they have felt and received in practicing the latihan kejiwaan of Subud.

Supporting Subud groups to own latihan premises

It was agreed that the first priority for MSF grants is the financial support of Subud groups to own their latihan premises or Subud houses in countries where Subud is legally registered. The aim is to help provide individual members access to good latihan facilities and thereby help to deepen and improve the quality of their latihan and its outer benefits.

WSA's role and responsibilities will in turn focus on helping national organizations and Subud groups respectively to develop to a point where they can meet the requirements to register as members of WSA and are able to manage and maintain their own Subud premises. This WSA support is facilitated by the helper and committee network all around the world as well by existing member countries which can assist smaller countries to rent latihan facilities while they grow.

Supporting IH visits to Subud groups

The last annual meeting acknowledged the importance of the IH visits to Subud groups.

Subud is not a teaching that can be transferred from one human being to another but an individual experience, an inner vibration that helps each person to become a better human being. Therefore, the purpose of the IH visits is to contribute, together with the national and local helpers, to the deepening of the individual process.

MSF is keen to support this WSA activity because it helps maintain the quality of the latihan that lies within all individual members and thereby enable it to be transmitted from one generation to another over time. The amount of the grant is approved annually by both MSF trustees and the WSA directors.

Supporting the preservation of and access to Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's talks

It was also agreed that MSF's third priority is to help WSA in preserving Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's talks over time (archives) and to facilitate access to them by individual members. Archives work has 2 areas of work:

- (1) the constitution of Archives per se and
- (2) the maintenance of those archived materials.

At the end of 2011, WSA and MSF signed an agreement by which MSF will deliver an updated, clean and restored version of the audio recordings of Bapak's talks; more than 2500 hours of talks have been digitized and the project is due to be completed during the first quarter of 2014. In the years to come, WSA will be in charge of maintaining those archives.

It was agreed that MSF will not be engaged in any fundraising activity for the support of the WSA archives program. Therefore, the so-called Legacy Project set up in 2012 in Vancouver has now been transferred to WSA.

However, any bequests and donations to MSF to support the WSA archives will be retained by MSF as part of WSA's decision to restore to MSF the 2012 expenses for the preservation of the audio recordings of Bapak's talks: an amount of \$171,560. In doing so, WSA will rebuild MSF's capital - the source of the \$171,560 - that is held on behalf of WSA for future generations.

The talks help individual members to understand better the process of the latihan they go through and thereby may contribute to the deepening of their latihan. The activities related to the access of the talks concern the transcription from the audio recordings, the translation into various languages, the editions in different formats (books, ebooks, videos, subtitled videos, mp3s, etc.). If funds are available, MSF may assist this program financially.

Supporting the WSA Wing Organizations

Aware of the importance of the support services provided by the Wing organizations, it was agreed that MSF may give them some financial support if it has the means. However, it is also acknowledged that the wings should primarily be responsible for their own funding and look for other sources of funding.

Conclusion

The relationship between WSA and MSF reached its climax during the 2013 annual meeting. A significant step was made towards a clearer mutual understanding of our respective responsibilities and activities that will help establish a higher level of harmony and efficiency in the MSF and WSA working relationship.

Harmony between the two organizations' missions and activities is essential for the well being of the world Subud community. It requires a certain level of autonomy of the MSF board of trustees to carry out its fiduciary responsibility in building up and managing prudently MSF's assets and in financially supporting with wisdom the long-term needs of the world Subud community.

In parallel, it is expected that the WSA directors, representing member countries and the world congresses, could guarantee to the world Subud community that MSF's mission is tuned to the evolving needs and growth of Subud, by the mutual establishment of effective MSF policies, the appointment of high quality trustees and the approval of the MSF annual program and budget.

SUBUD HOUSES

A Place of our Own

“MSF is a vehicle for holding and maintaining Subud assets and for receiving donations and bequests from members and enterprises for Subud’s long-term stability and security. MSF focuses on supporting Subud groups around the world to own latihan premises so that members can worship God freely.”

Ibu Siti Rahayu, Pamulang, Indonesia March, 2013. Ibu was a trustee of the Foundation from 1991-2005.



Since the Muhammad Subuh Foundation was established in 1991, supporting Subud groups to obtain their own latihan premises has been a priority. In 1993, the Foundation gave its first grant, for the construction of the latihan hall for the International Subud Center at Amanecer in Colombia, where the Ninth Subud World Congress was held that same year.

Since then, the Foundation has provided over US \$850,000 in grants and just over US\$ 200,000 in loans to more than 35 Subud groups in over 20 countries.

The Foundation encourages members to find ways to ensure these Subud Houses are self-sufficient. Many groups rent out their properties or use them to support enterprises.

One good example are members of Subud Seattle in the United States who received a grant from the Foundation to improve their Subud House.



Amanecer was built in time for the Subud World Congress in 1993. Enterprises now help sustain the center.

"Due to the renovations made thanks to a grant from MSF, our center's rental business the last three years has begun to generate more revenue. This year we've hosted weddings, seminars, memorial services, baby showers, poetry readings, a Poems for Peace day and a political fund raising event. We will finish the year with a small increase in revenue over last year as the business continues to grow. We even

hosted a fund raising featuring U.S. Senator Patty Murray, during which many attendees commented on how "charming" our building was. Before the renovations few, I believe, would have called our building "charming." We are planning to have at least one cultural event per month in 2014, including many of the events of the 2nd Cascadia Poetry Festival, giving our members access to world class cultural events." Marsten Gregory/ Paul Nelson

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Exterior of the Subud House in Malang, Indonesia



Members in Malang have started small enterprises to help support the group.



A grant from MSF has helped members of Subud Ukraine obtain their own Subud house.

“This will all come about and be achieved if you are sincere, if you are, not willful but sincere in pursuing your goal of having your own latihan hall. Then maybe, due to the sincerity of your heart, you will be able not just to rent a place, you will be able to buy and build a place. As for how you will do that: if you are sincere, God will show you the way.

Bapak Muhammad Subuh,
Calcutta, India 1967. 67 CCU 2

The Subud House in Malang, Indonesia houses several small enterprises which help to pay utility bills and general house upkeep. The new premises have also brought the group closer, with families gathering on a regular basis to share a meal.

For others, having a Subud House to call their own has become a dream realized. In DR Congo, members are renovating two small halls and in Ukraine a Subud House has helped Subud grow in the country.

“First of all, the Subud house is a very important place because we do the latihan here. But no less important is the fact that it is very needed and valuable for all of Subud Ukraine because it is used for all events like national helpers meetings and congresses.”
Michelle Oliynuk, National Helper

SUBUD HOUSE GRANTS & LOANS AVAILABLE

Grant and loan applications to assist groups with the purchase, construction or renovation of a Subud house are reviewed by the Foundation trustees twice a year. Submission deadlines are November 30 and May 31. We strongly recommend to have applications in early for trustee review. Applications are submitted to MSF, with copies to the relevant coordinating organization(s). Most of the Foundation's grants must be coordinated with one or more organizations within the Subud Association to

ensure proper due diligence of the application, so your patience is appreciated. The Foundation trustees have the final decision on awarding grants.

Log on to our website and click '**grants**'.

You can download the grant application guide and forms or email MSF Administrator, Lillian Shulman, at lillianshulman@netscape.net for more information.

SUBUD HOUSES

One Giant Step

Subud Washington DC

Subud Washington, DC reached a major milestone just before the New Year when seven giant trucks arrived at the site in Beltsville, Maryland with eight pre-fab modules. A 130 tons crane hoisted these modules (think of huge Legos) side by side and on top of one another. Orchestrated by our own Ra'uf and Harris of Finishwerks.

A crane maneuvers one of the modules in place at the new center.

[See the video](#)



Now come the many, many steps in completing the project. This includes installing siding, the geothermal heating and air conditioning system, finish the details of the inside spaces, put down hardwood flooring, finish off the basement walls and ceilings, trench and place the parking lot lights, put in the sidewalks and the walkway to the front, put up decking in back and approaches to the side doors, finish the parking lot including the concrete approach apron, mill and re-asphalt the street in front of the Center, put up 6 ft fencing along the edges of the parking lot at the property boundaries, plant trees and shrubs and obtain some basic furnishings and obtain an occupancy permit and have a gala opening.

The center now serves as Subud USA's national office and will provide a beautiful, peaceful home for latihan, a place for regional gatherings, youth gatherings and wing activities as well as regional events and dewan meetings. Located in the Metro DC area, it is also a presence in the U.S. capital. There are just over 70 members in the metro DC area, with about half listed as members of the new center.

Subud Washington DC has been working on obtaining their own center for many years. It was only in the last 4 years that the project began to come together. The Foundation provided initial funding.

"Our mission is to build a sustainable Subud Center: supporting the growth and development of Subud, from local to international; providing a place of dignity- a home for latihan for all of Subud; expressing the fruits of the latihan through youth initiatives and other projects humanitarian and cultural; a place for nourishment of human endeavors for both members and neighbors." Excerpt from Subud Washington, DC Mission Statement.



The new center is due to be completed by the end of May.

Our Grand Opening will be around that time. We hope we will begin to have renters soon after that and turn this long but faithful effort into a successful enterprise." Barbara Thomas Chair
But much more needs to be done before the Center is completed.

"To open our center will require about \$200,000 to be raised. We invite all to participate to complete this Center for all of Subud both locally, nationally and internationally. There have been many miracles to get us this far, starting from nothing but prayers and hard work and persistence. We now need all your help to complete this "barn raising" and to be able to use it well as a shining light, an incredible resource for our Subud family and the community at large." Damanhuri Alkaitis

For more information about the center log on to www.subudwdc.org

MSF WELCOMES

Judy Gibb



The Foundation warmly welcomes Judy Gibb to the MSF team. Judy will be serving as secretary.

Judy's interest in languages will surely benefit the Foundation. She studied in Paris for two years and later lived in Tokyo, Japan with her husband Darragh Giles (later Rukman). Rukman was one of the first Subud members opened by Bapak in Auckland in March, 1959.

"My personal interest and involvement with MSF dates from the WSA meeting at Ascot when, together with Asmaniah Fraval, in our capacity as International Helpers, we were privileged to take part in some very special testing with the trustees of MSF. We felt very strongly the vital importance of MSF, as the 'engine-room' of the Subud organisation, an absolutely unforgettable experience. In subsequent years I have been privileged to visit a number of Subud centres, and to be present at several meetings around the world, and my respect for the trustees, and appreciation of the value of their work is profound. So, if there is any way in which I can assist the work of the Foundation, I am happy to do my best," Judy

GIVING BACK

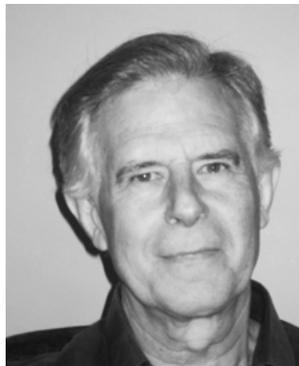
The Muhammad Subuh Foundation relies on the generous contributions from donors in our Subud Community to support the long term development of Subud in the world. Recently several members have donated land in the Subud Community in Rungan Sari, Central Kalimantan to MSF. We would like to thank all of you who support the Foundation.



Mahmud & Sharmeema Ganief

We are originally from Cape Town South Africa where we were opened in 1975 & from where we emigrated in 1987 to Canada. The first & only time we saw Bapak, at Anugraha in 1983, was the inspiration for buying this plot in honour of Bapak's advice at the time for the future of our Subud experience. We now felt very strongly that MSF could benefit from this land, as a token of gratitude to Bapak for the Latihan.

We wish MSF all the best in its endeavors & look forward to being of further support in the future, God willing.



Lawrence Fryer

On a visit to Loudwater Farm (late 80s or early 90s) there happened to be a meeting going on on the subject of Kalimantan and Hartati Horthy told me what it was all about and that by contributing I would be helping their efforts to follow Bapak's guidance about getting involved in Kalimantan. At that time there was no serious thought on my part about doing anything with the plots I bought. It was simply a question of supporting the Kalimantan endeavor.

In the course of time it has become clear that I would not personally be wanting to use these plots so it seemed to be in keeping with my original motive of supporting the Kalimantan effort to donate the plots to MSF.



Ismutijah Davis

After my husband, Paul, died I realised that it was highly unlikely that I would be moving to Kalimantan. I felt it was appropriate to give the land to the Muhammad Subuh Foundation as this would also be Paul's wish.

DONATIONS & BEQUESTS

MSF would like to express our sincerest appreciation to all of you who have given to the Foundation to support the long term growth of Subud in the world.

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