



### **UID Welcomes Conservation Warrior Jatna Supriatna as Its New CEO!**

It is a great pleasure for us to announce that Dr. Jatna Supriatna—one of Indonesia’s distinguished conservation scientists—has recently joined UID as its CEO.

Jatna is, indeed, no stranger to UID. He participated in our founding conference in Bali back in 2003 and later worked with UID board member Cherie Nursalim and her husband, Enki Tan, on efforts to protect Indonesia’s rich biodiversity.

And UID is no stranger to Conservation International (CI) Indonesia, where Jatna used to work, either as our board members, Messrs. Aristides Katoppo, Marzuki Usman, Martani Huseini and Rosihan Arsyad, also serve as advisors to it.

As an adolescent, Jatna already had a passion for nature. While in high school, he joined a mountain-climbing club. When it was time for college, his family urged him to follow his father’s footsteps and join the Indonesian military. Jatna, however, followed the passion of his heart: science.

With a quest to help protect the environment and help Indonesia deal with its conservation challenges in mind, Jatna earned a doctorate in primatology from the University of New Mexico and did post-doctorate studies at Columbia University.

He came back to Indonesia and later became the Conservation Biology Graduate Program coordinator at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta. In this position, Jatna got to know various organizations working on conservation.

This experience led Jatna to know CI Indonesia and, in 2004, he joined the organization as its Regional Vice-President. In this capacity, Jatna projected—among other things—many major forests in Indonesia.

Now that he has retired and has more time to spend, we feel fortunate that Jatna has joined us as he will be an asset to our management and leadership team.