

WE ARE UNITED IN ADVERSITY, AGAIN...

Dear Friends, Welcome to the third UID newsletter!

Since the issuing of the second UID newsletter—Indonesia has faced yet another natural disaster. We have joined the nation, the government, and the international community in our collective efforts to deal with it and, at the same time, continued our projects in leadership education, community development, and public events.



One of many homes destroyed by the earthquake in Yogyakarta

DISASTER RELIEF

Less than two years after the Asian tsunami, Indonesia was hit once again by a natural catastrophe. On 27 May, a 5.9-magnitude earthquake shook the city of Yogyakarta, central Java, and other nearby areas. Thus far, the quake has taken more than 6,000 lives and leaves thousands injured and homeless. As we did after the tsunami, UID joined the Indonesian government, the Indonesian people, and the international community



UID's response

in extending a helping hand to victims of the quake in Yogyakarta and their families.

Together with our partners, UID brought and distributed medical and food supplies, blankets, and tents to earthquake victims in Yogyakarta.

We have realized that the needs of victims and their families are overwhelming in comparison with what has been provided to them in these most difficult hours. But whatever—no matter how small it may seem—we can give to them means a great deal in this time of need.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In early April, UID and its key partner YCAB were pleased to coordinate a distribution of 1,300 food-aid packages to tsunami and earthquake victims and their families Nias and Hinako islands, northern Sumatra.

The food aid was made possible by the generosity of Wellspring International, a US-headquartered NGO with a mission "to come alongside existing organizations aiding individuals, primarily women and children, in disadvantaged situations overseas."



Executive Director Frans Sugiarta (in black) gave a hand during the food-aid distribution to tsunami victims in Nias

On 12-13 April, Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono visited Pacitan with Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare Aburizal Bakrie and his wife. They have started a foundation with noble missions including providing value added skills to rural villagers. Out of Asia, a partner of UID, has a long history in the Indonesian handicraft industry and has been enlisted to provide training in Pacitan. Out of Asia model, founded in Tembi in the outskirts of Yogyakarta, not only promotes 'Made in Indonesia' handicrafts overseas, but creates jobs and provides sustainable livelihood, education, and healthcare for rural villagers.



Warwick Purser, founder of Out of Asia, presented Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono with *Made in Indonesia*, a book about Indonesian handicrafts, as (from left) Indonesia's First Lady Kristiani Herawati, Mme. Tatty Bakrie, wife of the Minister Aburizal Bakrie, and UID Steering Committee Executive Cherie Nursalim looked on

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

The Indonesian participants in the global Emerging Leaders for Innovation across Systems (ELIAS) executive leadership program have continued their coursework in the past months, following the launch of the program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan School of Management, in Boston, USA, in March this year.

These follow-up activities included trips to Japan, the Philippines, and Indonesia—among others—for an exercise called “shadowing,” which allows participants to observe how their fellows from other sectors work. Thus, whether they came from the business sector, government, or civil society, participants shared with and learned from one another experiences, lessons, and insightful knowledge that they never would in their own work places.

Reflecting on his visits to Nissan in Japan and Unilever in the Philippines a participant from civil society, UID Executive Director Frans Sugiarta says: “I am so fortunate to have had a glimpse into Nissan’s and Unilever’s working cultures. And I feel honored to have met such highly talented and committed fellow ELIAS participants from all sectors.”

Later in May, we went back to Sirombu village in Nias to distribute scholarship funds from University of Monaco to schools that were affected by the tsunami and the March-2005 earthquake.



Completing the Monaco Complex in Sirombu village, Nias

We are also delighted that the Monaco-funded housing project in Nias for tsunami and quake victims with the completion of 239 houses

PUBLIC EVENTS

On 2 May, UID held a discussion on the first-ever Indonesian newspaper for children, the daily Koran Berani, at

Senayan Kinokuniya bookstore. The discussion included panelists who are educators, psychologists, and social workers.



MC Becky Tumewu engaged panelists and participants in the discussion on Koran Berani

As always, UID hopes to count on you for your continued support and sends you its warmest regards.

With kind wishes, I am,

Thang D. Nguyen
Program Director



ELIAS fellows' visit to UID: (from left) Gina Dharmawan from UID; Andin Hadiyanto from the Indonesian Ministry of Trade; Suryopratomo from Kompas; Manabu Satou from Nissan, Japan; Frans Sugiarta and Thang D. Nguyen from UID; and Andrew Carruth from For a Drug-Free Indonesia Foundation