

Dear friends,

Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> volume of our newsletter!

Since the last volume, there have been some great developments, and we are delighted to share them with you.

### EDUCATION

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are pleased to inform you that we are now admitting fellows for the first class of our IDEAS (Innovative, Dynamic Education and Action for Sustainability) program.

Conducted by faculty from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan School of Management, this program starts in August, 2008 and ends in July, 2009.



International participants during the GEC

During this period, participants will be introduced to Systems Thinking and learn how to apply it to make innovative changes, whether they come from business, the public sector, or civil society.

To know more about this program and download its application form, please visit our website at [www.unitedindiversity.org](http://www.unitedindiversity.org)

We are also pleased to share with you that in June UID co-hosted the Global Enterprise Challenge (GEC) 2008 with Singapore Management University (SMU), Singapore Science Centre, and Young Enterprise Singapore.



The Indonesian GEC team (from left to right): Rical, Nindy, Kris, Anthoni, Yoga, Nisbel, and Nissa

Held in Singapore, the GEC is a 24-hour international challenge in which competing student teams from around the world are challenged to produce a prototype and a business plan for a commercially viable product or service to meet an objective set by NASA and Careers Scotland.

It is worth mentioning that, in this competition, the Indonesian team received very positive feedback from GEC international judges for its innovativeness, creativity and teamwork.

Sponsored by UID, the Indonesian team includes: Rical, Nindy, Kris, Anthoni, Yoga, Nisbel, and Nissa. They came from a

diverse group of Indonesian high schools, namely Al Izhar, St. Ursula BSD, Al Azhar, Kolese Kanisius, SMA 70, SMA 78 and Lab School Kebayoran.

This is the first time that Indonesia takes part in this international competition, with participants from Australia, England, Germany, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Scotland, Singapore, the Wales, and the US.

We are proud of this team and congratulate all the members for their efforts, united spirit and teamwork during the GEC!



The Indonesian team with its GEC prototype and team leader, UID director Boyke Aveanto (far left)

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

We are proud to share with you that we have received a thank-you note from President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia for our relief and post-tsunami reconstruction works in Nias, Sumatra.

After the Asian Tsunami happened in December 2004, UID sent foods, water, logistical suppliers and volunteers to Nias for immediate relief. Thereafter, we partnered with the Monaco-Asia Society (MAS) to build 239 homes for tsunami victims and families in Sirombu, Nias.

At the same time, we partnered with award-winning Sunlabob Rural Energy Inc. to install solar energy panels to provide electricity to residents in these homes.

In this note, the President thanks UID “for all the support and contribution in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of...Aceh and Nias islands after the [Asian] tsunami and earthquake”.

This is, indeed, a great honor for UID, and it belongs as much to our partners, namely MAS, Zero-to-One Foundation, Sunlabob, Conservation International (CI) Indonesia, Tsu Chi Foundation, and Yayasan Cinta Abangsa (YCAB), as it does to us.

We are most delighted to have been able to reach out to our Indonesian brothers and sisters in their difficult times and appreciate the assistance and cooperation

we have got from our partners, supporters and friends in Indonesia and overseas.

With kind thanks and regards,

The United in Diversity Forum



*The thank-you note from President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono to UID*