

Dear friends,

Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> volume of our newsletter.

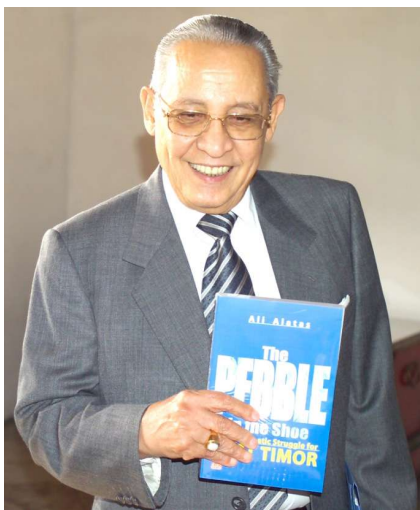
#### OBITUARY

It is with tremendous sadness that we inform you of the passing of our most honored trustee Alex Ali Alatas.

Mr. Alex Ali Alatas, or Pak Ali as we affectionately called him, died on 11 December, 2008 at the age of 76. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Pak Ali was involved with and supported UID from its conception back in 2002. In addition to giving us advice and representing us through his wide and high-level contacts, he always tried to come to meetings of our Board of Trustee and other events in spite of his overwhelming schedule.

And in addition to contributing a chapter to UID's book, *The Indonesian Dream*, he entrusted UID for the launch of his book on East Timor, *Pebble in the Shoe*. So, UID is indebted to him for all that he had given us.



Ali Alatas at UID hosted launch for his East Timor book "Pebble in the Shoe", Gedung Arsip

But, not only did Pak Ali give to UID, he also gave to Indonesia, his motherland, and contributed a great deal to world peace. Simply put, he was one of the best diplomats Indonesia and the world have ever had. He was Indonesia's foreign minister from 1988 to 1999 and, until his death, chaired and participated in many international forums and peace negotiations.

UID also recently lost a member of its Oversight Committee, Mr. Arie Yandi Taswar. No matter how busy he was, Pak Arie, like Pak Ali, always tried to make time for UID.



He was instrumental in the creation of Alun Alun, a concept to promote Indonesia handicrafts lauded by local as well as global community.

He came regularly to meetings of the Oversight Committee and lent his support whenever we needed it.

We will miss both Pak Ali and Pak Arie dearly.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

On a brighter note, UID would like to congratulate our good friend Francesco M Bongiovanni, president of the Monaco-Asia Society (MAS), on becoming Knight of the Order of St. Charles. This honor was bestowed upon Francesco by H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco on 17 November at the Palace of Monaco.

It should be mentioned that both Prince Albert and Francesco are active in philanthropy, particularly in Asia. And the works that MAS has done thus far illustrate this: Shortly after the Asia Tsunami of 2004 happened, MAS, under the leadership of Prince Albert and Francesco, reached out to victims and their families in Sirombu in northern Sumatra.

With generous contributions from its members, MAS partnered with UID, YCAB and the Zero-to-One Foundation to rebuild Sirombu. And, for that reason, we have named the 239 homes built in Sirombu for tsunami and earthquake victim families the Monaco Complex.



Monaco-Asia Society president, Francesco Bongiovanni (right), as he was knighted by H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco (left)

Once again, Francesco, congratulations on a well-deserved award!

#### LAUNCHING IDEAS!

After many years of anticipation, we launched our IDEAS (Innovative, Dynamic Education for Action and Sustainability) program in August.

IDEAS Indonesia is based on innovative theories that can be applied at all levels—personal, organizational, and national—across sectors. As such, we are pleased to have selected a fine group of fellows from business, the public sector and civil society to participate in the program. They are:

#### Civil Society

**Prof. Dr. der Soz Gumilar Rusliwa Somantri** - Rector, University of Indonesia. **Francisia Seda** - Chairman of Graduate Program, University of Indonesia. **Triarko Nurlambang** - Center of Applied Geography, University of Indonesia. **Yohanes Surya** - Rector, Universitas Multimedia by Kompas Group Founder, Surya Institute. **Hermawan Wijayanto** - Director of Development and Partnership, Conservation International Indonesia.

**Ketut S Putra** - Director of Marine Programs, Conservation International Indonesia. **Hernani Sirikit** - Media Consultant at Media Consumer Board (Media Watch) Surabaya. **Dewi Mallarangeng** - Civil Society Leader and wife of former Presidential contender Rizal Mallarangeng's. **Andy F Noya** - Reknown journalist/Metro TV. **Endy Bayuni** - Chief Editor, Jakarta Post. **James Putra Nababan** - Deputy Editor in Chief, RCTI (Broadcasting). **Rofikoh Rokhim (Opiek)** - Economic Researcher YCAB Foundation for Youths. **Kristanto Hartadi** - Chief Editor / Sinar Harapan Daily

**Emil Bambang Sumirat** - CEO, Epicentrum Technologies, Fellow, LEAD Indonesia (Leadership for Environment and Development Foundation). **Lestari Moerdijat (Rerie)** - Vice President, Media Group. **Lisa Luhur** - VP Corporate Secretary, Media Group. **Ratna Maya Soeharto** - Vice President, Ericsson Indonesia. **Rachmat Susetyo** - Asst. Senior Manager, Nissan Indonesia. **Catharina Widjaja** - Director, PT. Gajah Tunggal Tbk. **Reino Ramaputra Barack** - Ernst and Young Indonesia, **Amelia Gozali** - AT Kearney.

The learning tools and materials for this program have been developed by the

and she sent us the following note: "Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!" What an amazing sight in Cambridge, Massachusetts when I climbed out of the dark subway into bright sunlight to see the participants in the MIT *ideas* workshop greeting each other as old friends. I was a stranger -- at least at first -- to most of this distinguished group, and as President of the UID Forum in the US, was honored to be asked to join the opening days. Suddenly, I too was drawn into the group with greetings of "Whoosh!" and again, "Whoosh!" What did it mean, exactly? For me, it was clear: energy, commitment, joy -- and a reminder to each other of a collective



Inaugural IDEAS Indonesia Fellows with MIT Dean Emeritus Lester Thurow and Dean Alan White, co-founder and advisor of UID, MIT faculty Otto Scharmer and Yasheng Huang, MIT Exec Ed director, Conservation International sponsor, and UID team

#### Public Sector

**Sondang Anggraini** - Director of Bilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Trade. **Wiratno (Inung)** - Head of Conservation Area and Planning and Development, Ministry of Forestry. **Ongku Hasibuan** - Bupati (head of Regency) of Tapanuli Selatan, North Sumatra. **Lukman Niode** - KONI, Olympic Committee Indonesia. **Priscillia Suntoso** - President's Advisory council, Security and Defense Advisor. **David Nellor** - Former Indonesia Head, International Monetary Fund.

#### Private Sector

**Edwin Abdullah** - Commissioner, Bumi Serpong Damai (Urban RE Development Group). **Michael Wijaya** - Vice President, Bumi Serpong Damai.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan School of Management, namely Professors Otto Scharmer and Peter Senge and adapted for IDEAS Indonesia with the efforts of ELIAS Fellows Suryo Pratomo, Andin Hadiyanto, Frans Sugiarta and Ben Chan. The kick-off session of this one-year program took place at MIT Sloan and was joined by Dean Emeritus Lester Thurow and Dean Alan White as well as other eminent MIT Professors.

UID is grateful to Wolfensohn foundation and our co-sponsor of MIT IDEAS in Conservation International who also sent 4 Fellows to the program, and Nissan who continued their support of IDEAS following ELIAS. Among those present at this event was Jane Pratt, UID's President in the US,

dedication to work together for a better future for Indonesia....That would mean a better future for all of us. Whoosh!"

Thank you, Jane, for your thoughtful note and "Whoosh" to the MIT and IDEAS faculty and fellows who are our hopes for a better common future for Indonesia and our world.

And as the holidays are with us again, UID would like to thank our dear advisors, committee and friends for your support this year and wish you and yours a lot of joy, health, and success during this season and in 2009!

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