

CONTINUING OUR MISSION!

**Dear friends,
Welcome to the 6th volume of
our newsletters!**

For the first quarter of 2007, we are delighted to share with you the following updates on our works.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

With a generosity from Deutsche Bank Indonesia, we continued our solar-energy project in Sirombu, Nias, where 239 homes had been built for Tsunami victims and families in the Monaco Complex—named after its donor, the Asia-Monaco Society (MAS).



Solar panels being installed in Monaco Complex

The idea behind this project is to give residents in the Complex low-cost and environment-friendly electricity, using solar discs to generate it from sunlight. Each home in the Complex is installed with one solar disc, with the expertise from award-winning Laos-based Sunlabob Rural Energy Inc.

In addition to overseeing the installment of solar discs in the Complex, Sunlabob engineers, headed by Mr. Andy Schroeter, have also trained residents on the maintenance of these devices.

Like the building of the Complex itself, the solar-energy project is challenging because of the poor conditions of roads to Sirombu and other infrastructures, making transport of solar panels difficult.

At the same time, we continue with our wheelchair distribution program. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we have a partnership with the US Wheelchair Foundation, which donates wheelchairs to Indonesians with a need for them.



Andy Schroeter of Rural Energy Inc. (center, back row) with UID director for community development Boyke Aveanto, UID intern Cecilia Serin (first and second, far left), and team members

On our part, we help with the clearance of wheelchairs at Indonesian Customs, identify recipients, and distribute them.

Thus far, we have distributed 560 wheelchairs in various locations in Bali and the Jakarta and nearby regions.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In the first quarter of the year, we were delighted to have three interns working with us. They are Ms. Cecilia Serin, a French student from the University of Monaco; Mr. Miguel Staal, a Dutch-Indonesian student from the London School of Economics (LSE); and Mr. Hamdy Kholis, an Indonesian student from the State Islamic University.

During their stays with UID, these interns worked on our community development projects, including the reconstruction of Sirombu, wheelchair distribution, and disaster-relief responses.



UID intern Hamdy Kholis (center, in black) at a wheelchair distribution event



UID intern Miguel Staal (right) with UID executive director Gina Dharmawan and a wheelchair recipient

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

In coordination with its partners and assistance from a group of students from the MIT Sloan School of Management, the United in Diversity Forum (UID) launched its first workshop on leadership education on 1 February.

Hosted at Kompas's cultural center, the purpose of the workshop was to introduce to participants our IDEAS (Innovative, Dynamic Education and Action for Sustainability) Indonesia program.

Under the guidance of Professors Otto Scharmer and Peter Senge of MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)—both of whom are experts on cross-system innovation and organizational learning—we are developing IDEAS as a 10-month learning journey that is designed to give Indonesian executives across sectors the leadership capacity to deal with Indonesia's multi-faceted challenges effectively.

"Building trust and homes are not enough to change Indonesia for the better; we need leadership," said UID president Rosihan Arsyad in his opening remarks.



All Participants, MIT Glab & UID team

"And this is why you are here with us today, trying to build together an educational program that gives young, promising Indonesian executives across sectors that are willing, able, and ready to make Indonesia a better place the capacity that they need to do so."

Among the participants were representatives from business, the public sector, and civil society, namely:

- Department of Trade and Industry
- Department of Research and Technology
- Department of Finance
- Office of the Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs
- Garuda Foods
- Unilever Indonesia
- Panasonic Indonesia
- Sari Husada Indonesia
- For-a-Drug-free Indonesia (YCAB) foundation
- Eka Tjipta foundation
- Sampoerna foundation

During our preparation for this workshop, we were fortunate to have four students from the MIT G-Lab team to help us. They are Ms. Allison Marshall, Ms. Ila Shukla, Ms. Lindsey Adami, and Mr. Nuno Goncalves.

As it was their last semester at MIT Sloan School of Management, these students came to Indonesia to help UID develop a plan for its IDEAS program as part of the practicum of their G-Lab course.



The G-Lab team: (from left) Nuno Goncalves, Ila Shukla, Lindsey Adami, and Allison Marshall

Today, G-Lab is MIT Sloan's flagship course whose success has inspired other schools to replicate it.

Finally, we are pleased to inform you that the first class of IDEAS will be launched in 2008, and thus we are open to participation and financial partnership from organizations among business, government, and civil society.

In the meantime, we thank you for continuing to be a friend of UID and send our kind regards.

The United in Diversity Forum



UID President, Rosihan Arsyad, welcomed participants to our first workshop on IDEAS

Historically, G-Lab started a few years ago as a course to teach MBA students how entrepreneurship can be an effective tool with which to help the developing world.