

Dear friends,

Welcome to the 14th volume of the UID newsletter! We trust you have had a good year so far and would like to update you on our foundation and its activities.



*Fellows of IDEAS 2.0 at MIT Media Lab*



*Hadi Soesastro*

First of all, we are sad to share with you the passing of dear friend and advisor, Dr. Hadi Soesastro. Hadi died at Pondok Indah Hospital in South Jakarta on Tuesday, 11 April, ten days after he was admitted thereto for a brain hemorrhage. He was 65. Hadi's passing is a great loss

for the Indonesian and Asian intellectual communities.

During his distinguished career, Hadi taught at Columbia University and held the executive directorship of the Jakarta-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) several times. He also served as an advisor to the World Bank as well as the Asian Development Bank (ADB); in fact, if there ever were an Asian Nobel Prize for economics, he would be recognized for his effort in promoting regionalism in East Asia and the Pacific and designing structural frameworks for it.

As for UID, Hadi had been with us since the conception of our foundation back in 2002. Despite his overwhelming schedule, he tried his best to be there for us when we needed him. Among other things, we will miss his wisdom, kindness, and pleasant appearance, and we feel fortunate to have had him as an advisor and a friend.



*Professor Otto Scharmer with IDEAS 2.0 fellows*



*IDEAS 2.0 class with its faculty*

To honor these great men, the IDEAS (Innovative, Dynamic Education for Action and Sustainability) program of 2010 is working on some scholarships that will be made in their names. We will give you a development on this effort in our next newsletter.



*World-renown strategy guru and MIT Sloan professor Peter Singe (standing) held course with IDEAS 2.0 fellows.*

Apart from the passing of these two great men, the IDEAS 2011 class is now in full-swing progress with its second class. Like the last class, IDEAS 2011 is a year-long program consisting of classroom and group sessions both at MIT Sloan School of Management and in various locations in Indonesia. The program is conducted with distinguished faculty members and facilitators, including MIT professors Otto Scharmer and Peter Singe.

After their introduction to theoretical materials and program orientation, IDEAS fellows divide themselves in different groups. And each group selects a topic that will be the focus of its "prototype", which is basically a practical, hands-on project that the group has to work on collectively and present (similarly to a dissertation in graduate school) at the end of the program in order to complete, or "graduate". The prototypes from last year's

program included: woman empowerment; sustainable business development; ethical journalism; river and water improvement; and village improvement.

Since IDEAS fellows are mostly mid-career professionals, the program is designed in such a way that they don't have to take much time off from work. And throughout the year, they work with their group members on their prototypes independently from the entire class.

And as we did last year, UID is the main sponsor of the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Science Enterprise Challenge, ASEC. In a nutshell, ASEC is an ASEAN-wide competition for young people to demonstrate innovation and creativity within a 24-hour limited time frame, working together within teams of

students from different schools and backgrounds."

ASEC 2010 took place on 13-16 June. As the winner of last year's competition, Indonesia had the honor to host this year's ASEC. And world-renown island Bali was chosen as the venue for this event. If you would like to know more about this competition and how to participate in it in the future, please email us at [frans@unitedindiversity.org](mailto:frans@unitedindiversity.org).

Until our next newsletter, we thank you for your continued support and send our best regards.

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*IDEAS 2.0 class with its faculty, facilitators, and UID leaders in front of the MIT Dome*