

## The required Quarterly Reports from our 2024 Scholars

### Aldo Christyanto

Mercu Buana University / Studying: Communications

Entering semester 5 there are a lot of assignments involving groups. One of them is very interesting big tasks is making short films and documentaries on activities outside the campus.

I really enjoy this.

I also attended a campus organised “Fun Fact Communication” activity where we discussed the broad scope of the world of communication science.



### Cindi Mutia

Institut Seni Indonesia Yogyakarta / Studying: Arts Crafts



I have had a busy semester participating in KKN ( real work experience lectures), registering for an internship and submitting my thesis I find I sometimes get very nervous and anxious when speaking in public. I joined a basic community development training course to overcome this. Coincidentally they held a Public Speaking training which made me want to take part.

I also followed an online English course.

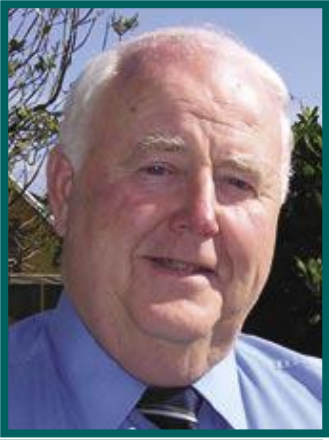
### Azizah Nur Ramadhan

UIN Sunan Kalijaga University / Studying: Psychology

Recently I have been doing assignments at home. I took two online courses Amayi and Abisha consulting. Amayi is a meditation class to manage your emotions well. Abisha is about studying inclusive leadership. I was pleased to pass the selection process to get on the courses.

I also participate in activities as a member of the official Indonesian Youth Ranger Community. The Community invites Indonesian youth to jointly develop their potential. The activities include Public Speaking; Gomawo Fest Beasiswa Korea, where we learn how to get a scholarship to study in Korea; and Personal Potential in Cerebral Palsy – inspiring Indonesian youth to continue to be enthusiastic, never give up and always be grateful.

# From The Chair



## My visit to PRY in Yogya and to Puspadi Bali

For the last few years I have organised tours for fellow military veterans who served in the NZ Armed Forces during the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesia Confrontation campaigns. Given my age, I felt it was unlikely that I would be organising any future tours, nor would I be doing much in the way of long-distance overseas travel.

Last August I decided to leave NZ a few days early before the tour group arrived in Singapore, and flew to Jakarta where I overnighted and then caught an early morning flight to Yogyakarta.

Yogya has a new airport almost 2 hours' drive from the city centre, which makes it even further from PRY on Jl

Kaliurang 13.5 km, which was my destination.

Thanks to Lenny our indispensable volunteer in Bali, not only did she arrange my flight, from Jakarta, my hotel accommodation at Jakarta airport but also a driver to meet me at the airport on landing at Yogya and who took me to PRY. All very seamless.

Some 14 or so students, both past and present had gathered to meet me, thanks to Retno Embarini who organised the meeting.

Several students spoke and thanked me and the Rehabilim trust for allowing them to achieve their goals and to get a qualification that they would not have otherwise gained.

One thing that I did was to tell the students that I was not the benefactor of their scholarship, that others had made it possible and I was just an organiser who ensured that our donors wishes were met. Everyone thanked me personally which made me feel very humble.

I took the student group through the Trust's Powerpoint to show them the makeup and who was on the Trust to prove that there was

more to the Rehabilim Trust and not just me.

After lunch with the students I had a meeting with some of the senior management of PRY to discuss their proposal for monitoring students.

As a Trust we depend very much on our sponsors to ensure that our students are looked after and assisted where possible. Pusat Rehabilitasi Yakkum are our eyes and ears in Yogya and we depend on them to see that our scholarship students are counselled and managed in a suitable way, taking into account their disabilities. We are in the process of identifying a way to ensure that no student is overlooked, hence our discussion with PRY. A similar situation will arise with other sponsors.

The following morning I flew to Bali and the next day I visited Puspadi Bali. It has been a while since I last saw I Nengah Latra and he was very welcoming.

Accompanying him was Jan Mantjika, a New Zealander living in Bali and one time owner of Jan's tours, a Balinese Travel agency for inbound tourism. I have known Jan for a very long time, and she is closely involved with the management of Puspadi Bali.

I also met with our new student (who is sponsored by Puspadi Bali) by the name of I Gede Agus Mahardika. He is studying IT under our program. He was accompanied by his father. The Puspadi Complex, which Latra was instrumental in establishing, is an impressive facility, and whilst others will share the credit, Latra has been the driver. Latra has spent countless hours as an advocate for disabled people in Bali and beyond.

He is recovering from Parkinson's disease and after a successful operation appears to be on the way back to almost good health.

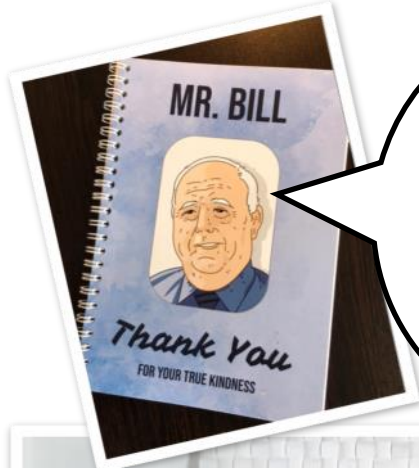
Whilst it was a rushed visit to PRY and Puspadi Bali, it was very worthwhile to meet with those who are on the front line in Indonesia working with Rehabilim and our young scholars ensuring that those with disabilities are looked after.

*Bill Russell*

Chairman

**Photos of Bill's  
visit over page.**

## Photos of Bill's visit to PRY in Yogya and to Puspadi Bali



I received several presents from the students, in some cases their own handiwork. One of them was this beautifully illustrated book.

The likeness of this photo is very good, but gives me more hair than I actually have...(sadly)



Puspadi Bail management group

From Left: Gunung, Ibu Juli, Jan Mantjika, Latra, I Gede Agus, Gede's father



Some of our students who attended the meeting holding up some bars of Whittaker's Chocolate.



The student group outside PRY in Yogyakarta.

On the left is Adit the head of programming. Angrek (secretary) to his left and Retno Embarini our student officer is in the wheelchair on the right.

## New Trust Member

It is with great pleasure we welcome Hannah Brackley to the Rehabilim Trust.

Hannah is currently Principal Advisor Emergency Management with the Wellington City Council.

Her career began as a research scientist with Landcare Research but she has spent much of her time with GNS Science and, through her work in emergency management, an invaluable association with Indonesia.

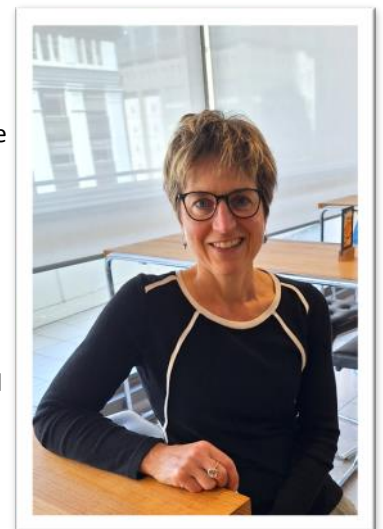
"My involvement with Indonesia started when I went to Aceh Province in 2006 to determine how NZ could best support the recovery efforts following the Boxing Day 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, said Hannah.

"Building on that initial project and through many visits to establish more relationships, we pursued collaborations between NZ and Indonesia in relation to Disaster Risk Management. I was also involved in establishing the relationship between GNS Science and Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) in Yogyakarta,

"I lost track of how many trips I made between NZ and Indonesia from 2005 to about 2009."

Hannah was President of the New Zealand Indonesia Association (NZIA) 2019 – 2022.

Rehabilim Chairman Bill Russell said Hannah's experience and knowledge of Indonesia will be a tremendous asset to the Trust as it moves into the future.



# From our 2024 Scholars Continued

## Edi Priyanto

Institut Seni Indonesia Yogyakarta / Studying: Arts Crafts

During the past three months I have taken part in research of the manufacture of natural dyes from ketapang leaves. I am also carrying out professional work at Dong Aji batik to learn more about batik and making batik stamps from waste paper.

I find difficulty with time allocation to carry out assignments and work. To help overcome that I am borrowing from a friend's studio which has the right equipment to help with college assignments.



## Khoirul Nuryadi

Mercubuana Yogyakarta University / Studying: Communication & Multimedia Science

During this semester I was sick so was not able to attend some lectures. But I was still able to confirm all my assignments to my lecturer. I took part in an event with the theme of Fun Fact Communication exploring the interesting side of the world of communication. The speakers, who are involved in the broadcasting industry, shared a lot about broadcasting with lots of tips and tricks for dealing with the world of broadcasting.

## Lufti Marifatun Khasanah

Sunan Kalijaga State Islamic University, Yogyakarta / Studying: Islamic Education

Assalamualaikum – (*Peace be upon you*) everyone.

I carried out KKN for about two months at one of the schools with an Islamic boarding school atmosphere in Yogyakarta called AMP Ali Maksum.

*Editor's note: KKN in Indonesian is Kuliah Kerja Nyata – meaning “real work study” - it's linking academic study with practical experience of community service.*

I got a lot of experiences while taking part in KKN. Thankfully there weren't many obstacles although sometimes I felt a little nervous and inferior when at the school. But I learnt to handle everything well thanks to my group of friends, good and understanding teachers and very polite and friendly students.

Currently I am taking part in computer training held by the Disabled Services Centre. Little by little I can operate a laptop myself and I attended several off-campus seminars via Zoom using a laptop.



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## Rizky Rian Nanda

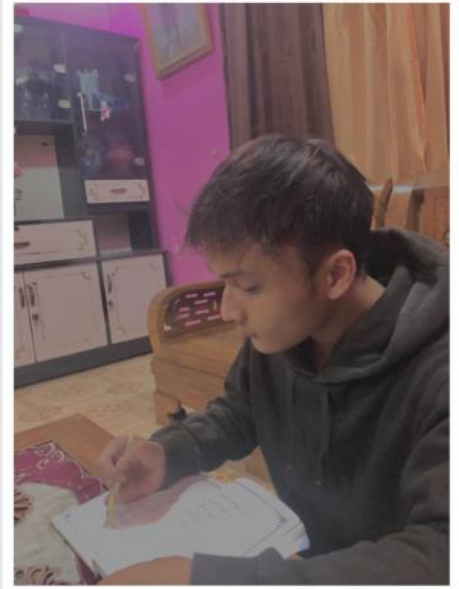
Ahmad Dahlan University / Studying: Economic Development

I am taking part in Tahsinul Quran activities again, because in the previous semester I did not pass the course which is a mandatory requirement to determine whether I can take part in KKN.

I am not yet fluent in reading the Al Qu'ran and cannot determine which reading contains qalqalah.

In my free time I memorise the hijaiyah letters and read over the material that will be read in the final exam. My focus is on completing courses I did not pass in the previous semester.

*Editor's note: The arabic word "qalqalah" - means "vibration" - the vibration of sound at the end of the pronunciation of a letter. "hijaiyah" letters are the letters that arrange words in Al Qur'an consisting of 28 letters. They symbolize the consonant sounds.*



## Lufti Knotibul Umam

UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta University / Studying: Islamic Education (PAI)

In the last three months my lecture activities were mostly used for working on my thesis. Unfortunately the research location is far from my boarding house and there were difficulties in finding references. However my friends helped me get to the research location and I looked for references from web providers of books and journals from other campuses.

## Yunita Windy Astuti

STIE SBI University Yogyakarta / Studying: Management

After a holiday I will be entering the 7<sup>th</sup> semester where I will have to work on my thesis and don't have to come to campus every day.

My biggest obstacle at college has been that I can't ride a motorbike. I have to ask my family or friends to help me. However I have forced myself to learn to overcome my fear to ride a motorbike.

But I am optimistic that if I study diligently I will be able to use a motorbike smoothly so I can be independent. I have joined one of the student activity units which deals with entrepreneurships.



## In Memory

It is with great sadness we acknowledge the death of one of our scholars Jubita Hida Aprilia, who was studying Indonesian Language and Literature at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta.

Our thoughts are with her family.

# Giving life long opportunities



“Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. It's important to stay optimistic, not to give up, to ignore snide comments about handicaps as a divine punishment for sins.” Muhammad Fahmi Husaen



## The Rehabilim Trust Inc.

The Rehabilim Trust was established originally by a New Zealander, the late Colin McLennan MBE, to support the YAKKUM Rehabilitation Centre, referred to as Pusat Rehabilitasi YAKKUM, or PRY, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. In addition, The Trust now supports other disabled children's charities providing assistance to disabled children and young adults, regardless of religion, to enable them to become independent and self reliant by learning and using income-generating skills.

The Rehabilim Trust Inc currently supports 10 young disabled Indonesians who are recipients of a Colin McLennan Memorial Scholarship valued at NZ \$1000 each, per year for three years. The Trust is looking to extend this type of charitable support.

The Trust depends on service organisations and individual donors for financial support.

### Rehabilim Donation Form

I wish to support young physically disabled Indonesians.

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