

Photo opportunity for Rehabilim

The Rehabilim Trust was provided with a great opportunity to promote its activities in Indonesia in conjunction with the New Zealand Indonesia Association (NZIA) to coincide with the recent visit to New Zealand by the President of Indonesia Jokowi Widodo.

The photo expo illustrated some of the projects carried out by New Zealand in Indonesia. The main exhibits included GNS Science with their disaster preparedness programme and AUT's investment in Education in Indonesia and illustrations of their centre of excellence at their Auckland Campus.

Rehabilim displayed photos of the current scholarship students and highlighted the support the Trust provides for young Indonesians with disabilities.

The exhibition was opened by the Indonesian Ambassador to New Zealand His Excellency Tantowi Yayha who was impressed with the display and acknowledged the importance of the relationship between New Zealand and the work it does in his country.

Located in a prime spot in the Wellington Public Library right alongside one of the busiest coffee bars in the city, it attracted a good deal of interest.



Bill Russell (Chair Rehabilim Trust) (far left) with Indonesian Ambassador (centre) and members of NZ Indonesia Assn at the official opening

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Well done Fahmi

We would like to congratulate Rehabilim scholarship student Fahmi Husaen who has been recognised as one of the Top Five winners of the 2018 Electric Sports Car Design competition. The competition is run by Muscle Car Indonesia (MCI).

20 year old Fahmi, who is suffering from muscle weakness due to Duchne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and has limited body movement, designed an elegant red sports car inspired by the "Golden Eagle", which has an aerodynamic system.

It took him three weeks of intensive work to complete the design to meet the deadline in early March.

Fahmi is a student at Gaja Mada University, one of Indonesia's prestigious colleges, majoring in Computing and Information Systems for Vocational School.

His achievement and capability has shown that having physical disabilities cannot stop someone's creativity and thinking, as has been proven by Stephen Hawking.



Chairman's Chat



President's visit

These past few weeks have been a busy time for many people with Indonesian connections with the brief visit to New Zealand of the President of Indonesia Jokowi Widodo.

It was a privilege to have him here as it's only the second time that Indonesia's president has been to NZ.

We were delighted to be invited by our sister organisation New Zealand Indonesia Assn (NZIA) to join them in the photo expo to celebrate his visit and to promote some of the work that NZ does in Indonesia.

Unfortunately no one from the Rehabilim Trust got to meet the President but then very few people did as the visit was extremely short. However he has met Nengah Widiasih the para

Olympian who won bronze at Rio, and has become aware of the movement for recognition of disabled people and their campaign for recognition in Indonesia. As the TV commercial for a cheese ad says, it takes a bit of time to mature.

Our efforts of yesteryear are bearing fruit today

Funding for vocational courses

We have recently provided \$NZ5,000 to PRY to run courses on tailoring, Batik making, electrical maintenance, cooking, hairdressing and graphic design. These are all aimed at providing young disabled people with skills to gain employment or set up a small business and become independent and self sufficient. However, we are always conscious of making sure our limited funding resources are well managed to cover all our commitments.

Riding for the Disabled (RDA)

Back in our June 2016 issue I mentioned the possibility of setting up a Riding for the Disabled Academy (RDA) in Indonesia. We are still pursuing this but it is taking longer than anticipated. At the time I

did say that Rehabilim would not be financially involved but we are happy to bring together those organisations such as Rotary and RDA to work towards establishing such a programme for the disabled in Indonesia.

Acknowledging our supporters

We are forever grateful to all those who support us in helping those less fortunate in a country where disability is fighting to be recognised by government and communities. We would like to acknowledge the congregation of St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Birkenhead in Auckland's North Shore for their longstanding and generous support (see story in this issue).

Bill Russell

Chairman



Agus Rohmat – a successful year

Agus Rohmat has had a very successful year at Universitas Negeri Malang where he is studying bachelor of education, majoring in education for special needs. Agus has GPA Cummulative of 3.45 out of 4, which is considered very good. He is a top student.

His subjects cover education for children who are visually impaired, have deaf and speech impairments, children with emotional problems, autistic children, children with ADHD and gifted and bright children.



Scholarship news in brief

The following is a brief progress report on our scholarship students introduced in our last news issue.

Frisna Pambudi

at Muhammadiyah University, Yogyakarta – majoring in Communication: has had to make a presentation in English on muslim clothing entrepreneur Zaskia Adya Mecca.

Annisa Rahmadhani

at Sarjana University – majoring in Communication: she has been involved with testing accessibility of public facilities and used the process on Gajah Mada University campus hospital to establish it as a disabled-friendly hospital.

Bagus Wahyu Nugroho,

who has a printing business, has expanded his marketing to include schools and has already received several orders for printed school T-shirts. However, the rainy season presents a challenge as his printing business depends on sunshine.

Wahyu Kurniyati

at PGRI University – majoring in Accounting: is an enthusiastic participant in sporting events and has won medals in local sports competitions.

Sufyan Abdul Rahman Kuago

at AMIKOM Academy – majoring in Information Management: has joined a multi-media community at his campus working in graphic design software.

Erico Dwi Setyawan

at Sanata Dharma University – majoring in Accounting: has been active in the student body executive at his University.

Aji Nur Afianto

at Islam State University, Yogyakarta – majoring in Sociology: he was appointed to write the minutes for a campus discussion, quite a challenging task due to his disability but he managed to do it.

Longstanding supporters

St Andrews Birkenhead, first heard of Colin McLennan's work for disabled young people in Indonesia when the Rev Ian Cairns was a guest preacher during the 1980s when he was on furlough from Indonesia. People gave money to help Colin's work at the time.

In the 1970s, when the Wesley family moved to Birkenhead after having lived for some time in Indonesia, Laurie and Barbara revived the interest and because of their personal link, they were successful in raising several thousand dollars to help the Rehabilim Centre in Jogjakarta repaint and refurbish their buildings.

This interest and support has continued on the part of St Andrews congregation thanks to the regular updates and fundraising activities provided by both Laurie and Barbara.

In addition, Robyn and Ian Bogue, both Elders at St Andrews, paid a visit to the Centre in July 2014 while holidaying in Yogya, and were shown over the facility by the Acting Director.

They met and talked with a couple of the families whose disabled teens were being rehabilitated and provided with personal hope and work skills.

They found that the scale of the help to families had grown enormously since Colin's pioneering work, and that the Indonesian Government was subsidising their valuable work for the community.



Ian and Robyn Bogue



Barbara and Laurie Wesley



Rehabilim in the digital era

Along with our web site – www.Rehabilim.org - and Facebook page we will now have an electronic email mailing list.

One of our executive members is compiling an emailing list so if you would like to be added to it please contact us with your details. The email address is: rehabilimtrust@xtra.co.nz

However, for those who don't have a computer or email address, don't worry, we'll still be using NZ Post.

Our web site www.Rehabilim.org has earlier copies of our newsletter and you can keep up to date with progress of our scholarship students and news of our activities in Indonesia.

Also, please make use of our Facebook page. We like hearing from you, your friends and family. Maybe they would like to be added to our emailing list.

We are now also a partner of PRY. Please note their new web site: www.pryakkum.org it's well worth having a look at.



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.

Enclosed is my cheque, made out to "The Rehabilim Trust", for \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Donations may be made directly to our Westpac Bank Account: 03 0539 0238389 00

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The Rehabilim Trust Inc
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