

## Fahmi wins medal at International Invention Fair

We featured 21 year old Muhammad Fahmi Husaen in our last issue with the news he had been selected to present his invention at the International Invention Fair in Seoul, South Korea.

Well we are delighted to tell you Fahmi won a silver medal for his Achilles Physiotherapy Orthosis (AVEO) invention; a shoe designed to help prevent ankle muscle contracture which results in a permanent shortening of a muscle or joint.

Fahmi is currently studying at Gajah Mada University Yogyakarta, majoring in Information Technology. Although he was born with the physical disability Progressive Muscular Distrophy, a weakness in muscular function which affects both his hands and feet, he is able to flourish his talent in technology. But no matter what, his parents have always been very supportive.

The list of competitions Fahmi has successfully participated in is becoming an amazing record of achievement.

Competitions such as the Samsung Global Startup Acceleration Program, Presentation and Poster in the National Student Science Week for which he won a gold medal, a Finalist in an IT & Communication Student Competition. He came Second in the Creativity Program for Vocational School Students League in 2017; and the big 5 in the best Muscle Car Indonesia Electric Car Design.

He was also sent by his faculty to participate in the International Seminar of Sustainability Technology in Thailand where he and his team received a special award from King Abdul Aziz University, Saudi Arabia.

After he finishes his study, Fahmi said that he'd like to create and design and run a business in health and medical equipment for people with disabilities.



Fahmi at his desk wearing the special shoes he designed



Receiving a special award from King Abdul Aziz University, Saudi Arabia.

*"I am very grateful for the help and financial support I have received from the Rehabilim Trust because it's allowed me to continue my studies," he said.*

*"The support I have received from many people has given me strength to deal with my disability and achieve my dreams."*

# Chairman's Chat



On behalf of the Trust I would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in the dreadful attack on the Mosques in Christchurch. This was a heinous act against those in a place of peace and worship.

One of the stated aims of the Rehabilim Trust is to try to make a difference in the lives of young disabled Indonesians regardless of ethnicity or religious persuasion. We hope they will be an example to others on how to overcome disability and make a contribution to their communities.

Although that country is slowly changing its attitude to disability, it has a long way to go.

It has been a thrill for members of the Rehabilim Trust to learn the successes of some of our scholarship students recently.

Our original Klaas Kloeten scholarship recipient Farid Setiawan graduated from UGM with a degree in Agricultural Economics. He

now has a job in the Agriculture Ministry in Jakarta.

Fahmi Husaen is another of our tech-smart students having developed an ankle bracelet that stops muscle contraction. He was invited to take his invention to Seoul in Korea and won Silver Prize for his invention, plus an invitation to attend a prestigious University in Saudi Arabia.

We are waiting to see what commercial opportunities this invention will present him.

Our latest student success is Sufyan. He has developed a travel app whereby would-be travellers can book travel requirements online. The amazing thing for this invention is that Sufyan, after winning commendation for his invention, announced that he did not have a computer.

All the work was done on borrowed machines, as he could not afford to purchase one.

The Trust has purchased an upgraded refurbished laptop and its now in Indonesia having travelled back curtesy of Mr and Mrs Duncan Graham, who are residents of Malang, and it has been delivered to Sufyan.

To you our supporters we say thank you, for without your support we would not be able to achieve anything.

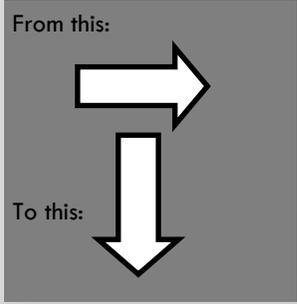
*Bill Russell*

# Nengah is going places – a true success story

Great to see Ni Nengah Widiyasi (26) has been chosen to be the brand ambassador for the Toyota “Start Your Impossible” in Indonesia. This project is part of Toyota's sponsorship of the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo – you can read more about this at: <https://otomotif.kompas.com/read/2018/12/12/131044815/toyota-sebarkan-semangat-start-your-impossible>

Also, Nengah has been busy training for the World Cup event in Hungary this month and posing for publicity photos for government roading projects. She's seen here “lifting” a bridge.

Rehabilim first met up with Nengah when she was just nine years old suffering from the effects of polio, living with her family in a small earth floor, thatched roof house eeking out a meagre living off the land. YAKKUM Bali took in Nengah and her brother Gede to help them overcome their disabilities.



Chairman

# Scholars' Stories

## Scholars tell about their progress

We have asked the Rehabilim scholars and Klaas Kloeten scholar to keep us and you informed about how they are getting along with their studies and what they hope to do in the future.

As part of the scholarship we have encouraged them to learn English as a second language, something we feel will help them get employment when they graduate. Rehabilim provides additional funding to meet that cost.

As part of that exercise they are required to send us their reports in English. We have included most of them in this newsletter with little or no editing – you can read them as they are.

However the Editor has written a couple of the stories to include more information about that individual's achievements.

## Aji Nur Avianto

Good Morning, Mr. Bill

I always hope you healthy. I am writing this letter to give you some information about me and my progress. Before, I would say thanks to Rehabilim, because Rehabilim has paid my study and the cost of modification. I wish god bless you all. The most of my activities are some training until now. The training is trying my motorcycle and sometimes I am exercising my left hand. My purpose made my hand more flexible. My study has started at February 4, 2019. my study has not been special yet.

But, I am preparing a proposal for my final study, although, I am just considering some themes for it. The Themes are difabel (meaning: differently able) or friendship between different religions I have not decided a theme. Because I have to ask some advises from my lecture who teach proposal course.

I am sorry if I use some wrong words, I am still learning about English language. Thanks



*The sign on his cart means "Learner driver" and is back-to-front to be read by those from the vehicle in front of him*



# Klaas Kloeten Scholar

Hallo, I am Uswinda Dwi Lestari,

Last January I participated in the activities of the socialite mothers tubing in the river in Magelang. The thing I could learn was that their friendship was very compact. Although it was labeled as a high class community, they never showed their wealth. Keep humble and Down to earth.



This is my aunty, her name is Ari Kusbandiyah. She is deaf. She always taught me a lot about sign language. Although my aunty often uses oral, she also remains proficient in sign language. Apart from that, it was my aunty who took me to the eye doctor and finally the doctor required me to wear anti-radiation glasses.

# Sufyan's story



22 year old Sufyan comes from a lower socio-economic family where his solo mother makes crackers and works as a housemaid to support the family.

It's not easy for him to continue his university study because of his physical disability and low family income.

Sufyan has Osteogenesis Imperfecta which causes weakness in both his feet and he has to use two sticks for mobility.

A Rehabilim Trust scholarship has provided him with the opportunity to continue his study in Information Management at AMIKOM university in Yogyakarta.

"I enjoy multimedia and graphic design. It will give me a very good opportunity to get a job as an editorial designer, logo designer, multimedia developer in web and mobile design," he said.

"After I graduate I hope to find a job or become an entrepreneur."

To help him become more mobile and independent, Sufyan made a motorised three-wheeler. He currently has a part-time job as a freelance designer to help his mother with income for the family.

"I have also opened a shop to get orders for logo design and other advertising. The money is not a lot but it all helps and I get experience in graphic design and information technology."

He joined some fellow students to design an android based application called Trend Travel which won the university campus competition for best innovation in Mobile Programming. The app provides information for travellers to find tickets, tourist destinations, culture and culinary information.

When asked if there were any obstacles to achieving graduation he said he needs equipment such as a computer or laptop to help him get through. However, he said this would not stop him finishing his studies.

Hello, Pak Bill today I received the laptop.

I say a big thank you to Pak Bill and Rehabilim Trust, with this laptop I can explore my capabilities even further. I will use my graphic design skills to achieve positive and best things. Thank you so much for everything im really happy.



# Erico Dwi Setyawan



Erico Dwi Setyawan is in green shirt second from right

I am Erico, one of the recipients of a Rehabilim Trust scholarship that I have now entered 6th semester.

I am always motivated by the support of rehabilitating trustees who have assisted me in financial studies.

At the end of semester 5, I was quite happy because I got the highest score in the five semesters that I had gone through. The effort that I did was not in vain.

I tried to study even though I sometimes felt tired because the distance from home to campus was quite far. In this 6th semester I will try to maintain my value and I also try to improve again.

I will get closer to the lecturer to always consult about my studies when I have difficulties or to other students who understand better. And I will always try to take advantage of my opportunities on this campus and make the best use of assistance from the Rehabilim Trust.

I also hope that I will soon finish my studies so I can get a job quickly. I express my gratitude for all the support that has

# Frisna Pambudi

been given to me, may God repay all the good in Rehabilim Trust. Amen

Alhamdulillah, I have now entered the 4th semester. I was very happy because in the third semester I managed to improve my achievement index to 3.59 from only 2.79 in the second semester.

The effort that I did to obtain these results was, on time when I came to campus, collecting assignments according to the time limit given, was responsible when given a mandate such as being a class leader.

On February 13, I got news from the GESFID (Group of Economics Students for Future Indonesia Development) community management that I was selected into 20 people out of a total of 80 students who will be trained specifically twice a week to take part in a paper competition that is trained by GESFID officials. In this activity, if the students selected cannot be disciplined and consistently follow the activities, they can be replaced with other students.

On February 11-16, I participated in the KKL (Field Work Course) held in Surabaya and Bali. In Surabaya City we made a visit to Bank Indonesia. There we were given material about counterfeit money, tips on interviewing at Bank Indonesia selection. In Bali we made a visit to customs where we were given material on the function of customs, namely



Frisna at Bank Indonesia

## Wahyu travels 60 kilometres each day to Varsity

Wahyu Kurniyati (22) was born in the village of Jatimulyo in Kulon Progo, some 60 kilometres from her Universitas PGRI Yogyakarta campus, a distance she travels daily to attend classes. Her parents are farmers in the village. She was born with disabilities on her left hand and foot. But she's never troubled with that. She has an outgoing, extrovert, and active personality.

She is majoring in Accounting and in the 8th semester. She loves sport and at the moment she is doing internship as part of her study and will soon finish her bachelor degree.

She chose to study accounting because she thinks this will present her with many opportunities. That's why she is actively engaged in many activities to support her study, such as taking part in managing one of the tourist attractions in her village and taking part in small & medium business (UKM).

When she was asked how Rehabilim Trust's scholarship has benefited her, she said, "I might not be able to pursue higher education without it, especially with how limited my parents' income is as common farmers. The scholarship program has also benefited other disabled students to help them pursue higher education in order to be able to find better job opportunities that lead to better life."

She said she hasn't had to face too many challenges during her studies except she has to go 60 kms from home to the campus everyday. "But this doesn't bother me at all because all the sacrifices are made for a better future."



# Peace be upon you, and Allah mercy and blessings.



Hello brothers and counselors for Rehabilim Trust, I am Sulisty Pradana,

I am currently studying at Amikom University in Yogyakarta in S1 Informatics majors.

Allhamdulillah ( *Meaning: Praise be to Allah – thanking God for blessings or when achieving something out of hardship*) at this time. I just finished taking the third semester, exactly mid January and was able to get a better grade.

Most of the time in the third semester were filled with Practicum, so the Final Test was replaced with assignments and projects.

Final Project, for example, makes software, a microcontroller, and a database. About the software I and my group made a computer application that was used for cash register and financial management in a restaurant. Then about the microcontroller, I made a Bell House, which sent a notification to Smartphone if Bell's house on the tap of our group named it "Push Me". Then about creating a database, I got a part in the group to create a query to store data about room rentals in a boarding house.

My activities during the holidays only blend in with the family, help my grandfather clean the garden, help mom pick up the school sister, and play games. And occasionally try to make simple applications for Android.

## The Rehabilim Trust Inc.

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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

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