

Introducing new Rehabilim Trustees



Linda & Gunawan Widjaja

Linda Irianto and her husband Gunawan Widjaja have agreed to serve on the executive of The Rehabilim Trust Inc.

They both come from Surabaya and have applied for permanent residence in NZ.

They currently live in Johnsonville, a northern suburb of Wellington.

With a background in Education, they are well qualified to advise on the Colin McLennan Scholarship program which is growing every year.

Linda and Gunawan have an education business which involves sending students to NZ for tertiary study.

Their company Overseas Study Company (OSC) has branches in Surabaya (in East Java), Makassar and Manado in Sulawesi.

They support almost exclusively sending students to NZ.

With two teenage children, both studying here in NZ, (daughter at Le Cordon Bleu and son at Newlands College), their commitment to NZ is well established.



New Kloeten Scholar

We are pleased to announce a new recipient of the Klaas Kloeten Scholarship. She is 22 year old Uswinda Dwi Lestari who has lived in Bantul as an orphan since her parents died when she was very young.

To support herself Uswinda harvests the rice from her father's rice field and works as a cook in a bakery. She majored in psychology at Sarjana Wiyata University and wants to increase her knowledge in this field to help people with disabilities and give them greater motivation to achieve their goals.

After she graduates she wants to find a job to build a better life than the one she has now. Uswinda has had an eye impairment since she was a child.

Chairman of the Rehabilim Trust, Bill Russell, says this is yet another good example of the kind of young people who suffer disability in Indonesia the Trust endeavours to help.

“ On behalf of the Rehabilim Trust I would like to once again thank the Kloeten Family for their generosity in supporting the Trust and providing such a generous donation to maintain the scholarship in the name of their late father Klaas Kloeten.”



Chairman's Chat



Those of you from a few years back will remember the Fred Dagg song; “we don’t know how lucky we are son – we just don’t know how lucky we are” !!

It came back to me the other day, after our AGM when we approved to support our scholarship students by funding English lessons for them.

The Rehabilim Board felt that this would give the disabled students perhaps a small advantage in a very competitive job market.

The announcement has been greeted enthusiastically by the present group of students with many of them indicating that they would like to learn English.

One student who has already completed her study has been unable to get a position because she could not speak English and has

requested to be allowed to come back and learn English, so she can re apply.

As most of us here in NZ have grown up with English as our first language, its been easy for us, but spare a thought for someone whose first language is not English, and having to learn the nuances of this strange language. For example: the difference between principle and principal and of and off, even NZers don’t always get it right.and so I say “we don’t know how lucky we are !!

At the AGM of the Rehabilim Trust on 5th October, the present board was re elected with the addition of Linda Irianto and her husband Gunawan Widjojo who originally hail from Surabaya and who have their own education recruiting business.

We welcome Linda and Gunawan.

Bill Russell
Chairman

Our Scholars – What they are doing

Annisa Rahmadani

Studying : Management

Sarjana Wiyata Tamansiswa University

Annisa has been involved in several public speaking events, most notably an english debating competition, and as moderator of a talkshow on inclusiveness in education. The talkshow was held in front of lecturers, the university board and students. This has given her greater confidence in public speaking although she knows she needs to learn more.

In July Annisa attended an internship programme that helps develop work opportunities and placement for people with disability. The internship will provide her with experience in helping those with a disability to find a job. She helps people fill in job application forms. However she found it difficult to communicate with people with hearing impairment and this has inspired her to learn more about sign language.



Annisa moderating her talkshow

Our Scholars Continued

Wahyu Kurniati



Wahyu selling her chips made from Murbei leaves

Study Program: Accounting
University: PGRI

In May, Wahyu did a research assignment on Village Finance using the village of Sidomulya near Yogyakarta. In an interview with the Head of Sidomulya she learned much about the condition of the village, its vision and potential and the various community programmes.

In June she did a Management Information System assignment on the fashion company Sophie Martin Indonesia. This provided the opportunity to conduct an analysis of the company's marketing strategy using direct-selling system. She also learned about the problems facing the company and how it dealt with them. The following month she became involved in a public relations role for an event called "Gathering Night" for new accounting students.

Erico Dwi Setyawan



Erico making a presentation to his class

Study Program
Economics

University
Sanata Dharma

Since we last heard from Erico he has been gaining experience in how to deal with the pressures of planning and sitting tests. Happily he has passed them all. However he had to overcome some hurdles on one particular assignment where his lecturer had given limited time for the take-home test to be completed. Erico said the test wasn't difficult because he was allowed to use whatever resources he could find. The internet was an obvious solution. But the slow connection meant he would not be able to get the assignment done on time. He decided to use newspapers, magazines and books. Being creative helped him overcome what could have been a difficult situation.

Erico has been selected as a member of the medical team for the new students' initiation committee. This has also helped him learn how to work within a team.

Aji Nur Avianto



Aji (centre – purple shirt) with friends

Study Program: Accounting
University: PGRI

Aji became involved in a sharing session held by the university aimed at sharing experiences from the students who have had some great achievements. "These speakers inspired me and now I feel more confident in reaching my dreams," says Aji.

In June he was involved in a Forum Group Discussion on Community Service programme for students with disability, a compulsory subject at the University. The programme is quite challenging for students as they have to give service to the community for a specified period. They are allowed to choose from a list of locations to suit their special conditions and needs.

Aji says he really likes being part of the programmes but he has one problem reaching the location because of stairs. "I am lucky I have some great friends who help by lifting the wheelchair up the stairs. This helps me keep improving and practicing my daily living activity to be more independent."

Sufyan Abdurrahman



Sufyan (centre front row) attends the workshop for new students

Study Program: Management
University: AMIKOM

Sufyan was really excited to set out on his new journey as a university student studying management. The university held a workshop for new students to prepare them for university life. He enjoyed the challenge and grew in confidence as the five day course progressed. It also gave him an opportunity to get to know his fellow students and new friends. We wish him well.

Muhammad Fahmi Husaen



Fahmi with his family

Study Program: Computer Science
University: Gadjah Mada University

In May and June Fahmi was busy with final exams which tested his ability to write quickly to complete papers on time. However he was able to overcome this by optimising the allocated time.

Fahmi is also involved in student community activities. He has learned that disability is one issue the university would be focused on. He is a member of the committee organising the "Harmoni Diorama" seminar in December. This is teaching him about co-operation and problem solving.

In July Fahmi entered a research competition held by the Sate Electricity Company. His subject was the use of bioethanol as the genset fuel. A subject he has been researching and saw this as a great opportunity to learn more about it.

Bagas Wahyu Nugroho



Bagas with banner design

Business
Ndugal Design and Printing

Bagas has started a design and printing business, something he had always dreamed about. He began by advertising to his relatives and friends and within two months got some orders. The first order was making stickers, followed by orders for banners and T-shirts. His next task is to purchase his own printing machine. In the meantime he is working with a printing agency. Along with his design and printing business he also rents his camera and has managed to be competitively priced.

Giving life long opportunities



The Rehabilitim Trust Inc.

The Rehabilitim 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 Rehabilitim 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.

Rehabilitim Donation Form

I wish to support young physically disabled Indonesians.

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