



IndoKiwi

"Connecting Kiwis and Indonesians"

Spring 2006

From the Editor...

Selamat datang and welcome to the first issue of *IndoKiwi*, a publication devoted to reporting about Indonesians and Kiwis working together on positive ideas and relationships.

Indonesia, not only the largest archipelago in the world, is also our closest Asian neighbour. Home to hundreds of diverse cultures, ethnicities and languages, Indonesia is one exciting and inspiring place.

IndoKiwi wants to help Kiwis find out more about Indonesia. There are now more than 3000 Indonesians living in New Zealand who are keen to share their culture with New Zealanders and get to know more about our country in the process.

What many people don't know is that in Wellington you can learn Indonesian dance, gamelan and language for free! Joining one of the courses or groups is only a phone call away. See the Free Activities section on this page for more details.

Culture is the focus of *IndoKiwi*: read about gamelan, dance and cultural performances right here on our doorstep. Also find out why now is a good time to trade with and invest in Indonesia.

Dotted throughout *IndoKiwi* are boxed columns which are called *pondok*, meaning 'corner'. At each *pondok* you can learn something new about Indonesian culture.

This issue the Embassy is thrilled to welcome award-winning dancer Putu Evie Suyadnyani as a Balinese dance teacher. She has only been in New Zealand for a few months and in that time she has already performed three times for Embassy events.



Evie dancing Legong Lasem in Bali

So take some time to have a browse through *IndoKiwi*. We hope that you will learn something new from our publication. We want to know what you think— give us some feedback: indokiwi@xtra.co.nz

Selamat membaca!

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- NZIA— get to know them...
- Growth in Indo-NZ trade
- Indonesia— why now is a good time to invest

Free Activities:

- **Dance:** Fri 6pm (kids)
7pm (adults)
- **Gamelan:** Mon 6pm
- **Language:** Tues & Thurs 7pm

Contact Persons:

Budi Putra: (04) 4758699 ext. 720
for dance and language
Jack Body: (04) 4635853
for Javanese gamelan

Coming Up...

- November 16: Seminar on 'Islam, Politics and Security in Indonesia Today' at the Old Government House, Auckland University, 9.30am. Details: www.auckland.ac.nz/nzai
- November 16: Asia Forum presents a discussion on 'Indonesia: Challenges and Opportunities for the World's largest Muslim Nation' at Bell Gully, HP Tower, Wellington, 5.30pm. For details, call: (04) 9145240
- November 17: Round table discussion on 'Updating Perspectives on Indonesia' organised by Asia New Zealand Foundation and the Embassy, Level 7 ABN Amro House, Wellington, 12.00pm. For details, email: cmabbett@asianz.org.nz
- November 20: NZIA presents a talk by Jack Body on the upcoming Asia Pacific Festival, Victoria University Gamelan Room, 7.30pm
- February 8-16: Asia Pacific Festival in Wellington featuring Sigalegale ensemble from Medan; composers Sutanto, Selamat Abdul Sjukur, Oto Sidhatta and Tony Prabowo from Jakarta; and Javanese wayang performance by puppeteer Joko Susilo, supported by Wellington gamelan group Padhang Moncar.

Embassy Cultural Evening Huge Success

As a dedication to the people and government of New Zealand for their assistance in the relief effort following the natural disasters that have ravaged Indonesia over the past two years, the Embassy staged an exciting cultural evening at Wellington's Opera House on September 8th. The 1200-plus invited guests included government officials, MPs, media, and representatives from NGOs, international organisations and the business sector. The kaleidoscope of performing arts showcased Wellington-based gamelan groups Padhang Moncar and Taniwha Jaya, Balinese dancer Evie Suyadnyani, and Kalimantan dancers.



Charge d'Affaires Marlina Tahrir welcomes VIP guests at the Wellington's Opera House

The darlings of the evening, however, were the children who had been learning Javanese and Sundanese dance at the Embassy for the months prior to the night.

Those present were astounded at the variety of acts, as well as the number of different Indonesian islands and regions represented. The people of the Embassy would like to say a big "terima kasih banyak" to all those involved in the performance and look forward to doing something just as colourful next year.



Dancers from Kalimantan performing in Christchurch

NZIA - Get to Know Us!

For those readers who have never heard of the NZIA, I'd like to let you know who we are and what we do. NZIA means New Zealand Indonesia Association, a friendship society set up in 1964 to promote ties with Indonesia through organising functions on a regular basis. We support friendship and goodwill between Kiwis and Indonesians and also help Kiwis get to know the people of Indonesia better.



Daniel Farley, NZIA President

Our activities include talks, films, social and cultural evenings, exhibitions, visits to places of interest, an annual dinner, and outdoor activities, such as trips and picnics. These functions are often jointly arranged with the local Indonesian residents' association, KAMASI.

Our most recent gathering was a lunch to celebrate Indonesia's Independence Day, which took place at the Indonesian Embassy, with wonderful Indonesian food prepared by Dharma Wanita and accompanied by a traditional Balinese dance performance by Evi Suyadnyani. Courtesy of Garuda, a raffle of gifts from Indonesia was held with the proceeds going to the Rehabilim Trust. A fun time was had by all.

Look out for details of our summer picnic. Last year we had a great turnout and wonderful weather for a fun afternoon at the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary, which involved both keas and humans enjoying lunch!

NZIA membership is open to all friends of Indonesia! Feel free to contact me on (04) 934 8222 for further details.

IndoCalendar

- Nov 12:** Bisnis Bali Golf Tournament, Sanur Beach Golf Club
- Nov 12:** Bali Open Chess Tournament for Women
- Nov 13-20:** 4th International Biorock Coral Reef Restoration Workshop, Gili Trawangan, Lombok
- Nov 15-18:** Bali Home to Broadcast and Multi Media Expo, Bali International Convention Center, Nusa Dua, Bali
- Nov 29:** Galungan celebrations begin in Bali
- Dec 5:** Full Moon Ceremonies all over Bali
- Dec 9:** Kuningan Day, the end of the Galungan festival
- Dec 14:** 8th Annual International Film Festival, Bali (from Jakarta)
- Jan:** Toa Peh Kong Buddhist procession with Chinese cultural performances, Manado, Sulawesi
- Jan 7:** Numplak Wajik mountain of sticky rice ceremony, Keraton Yogyakarta, Java
- Jan 20:** Islamic New Year 1428 Hijrah
- Feb:** Pasola Nyale Ritual, Sumba

Did you know?

'Mata' means 'eye' in both Indonesian and Māori...

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Kiwis Learn Balinese Dance

Lovers of Balinese dance are now fortunate enough to have an award-winning dance teacher to learn with right here in Wellington. Dancing and choreographing since she was only three years old, Putu Evie Suyadnyani teaches dance at the Indonesian Embassy every Wednesday night, and anyone interested is more than welcome to learn free of charge.



Evie has been in New Zealand for only five months but in that time she has danced at the Opera House, Te Papa and at private functions.

As well as teaching groups at the Embassy she also takes workshops, private lessons and is developing a schools programme.

In Bali, she is manager of a conservatory called Mekar Bhuana she set up with her New Zealand husband to preserve

endangered styles of Balinese gamelan and dance. She hopes that more young Balinese will become interested again in classical performing art forms. Students and visitors from overseas often come to study at Mekar Bhuana.

To find out more about Evie and learning Balinese dance you can contact her on info@balimusicanddance.com or her web: www.balimusicanddance.com

Trade Report

Indonesia is New Zealand's eleventh largest trading partner and largest export market in ASEAN. In the year to June 2006, trade between Indonesia and New Zealand grew \$91,081,357 or almost 17 per cent, an increase that takes bilateral trade with Indonesia to \$1.1 billion annually. In this same period, New Zealand exports to Indonesia increased from \$444,906,461 to \$527,680,299 while New Zealand imports from Indonesia increased by approximately \$8,307,579.

The goods New Zealand exports to Indonesia are agriculture related. Dairy products and meat make up almost 90 per cent of New Zealand's total exports.

Indonesia's single largest export to New Zealand is crude oil. Coal, natural rubber, textiles, clothing and footwear are also important products that Indonesia exports to New Zealand.

Marlina S. Tahrir

'Ombak Bagus!'

We're moving into the wet season in Indo with those prevailing trade winds from the west. This means that the east coasts are the places to head for.

Most of the easily accessed spots that will be consistently going off are located in Bali. Head east to the areas of Sanur and Nusa Dua and you'll be guaranteed to score at least a couple of great days of surf each week.



For all you lucky surf nomads: enjoy the waves! (JW)

Useful Web-links:

A comprehensive list of websites about Indonesia is available on: www.expat.or.id/info/links.html

'Pondok Bumbu'

Satay is very popular in Indonesia and is sold in most markets and restaurants. You can also buy it from the street carts called *kaki lima*, or why not try making it at home!



Ingredients:

400g chicken cut into 1x2 cm pieces
2 tbsps sweet soy sauce
1 tbsps butter, melted
1 sliced tomato
1 sliced shallot

Peanut Sauce:

100g roasted peanuts, skinned, fried and ground
2 red chillies, ground
5 bird's eye chillies, ground
50ml sweet soy sauce
1 shallot, finely sliced
1 tbsps lime juice

Method :

Thread 4-5 pieces chicken onto satay skewers.
Mix sweet soy sauce and melted margarine.
Dip each skewer in this sauce until the meat is completely covered.
Grill until golden brown, turning skewers over from time to time.
Serve with peanut sauce, tomato and shallots.

Peanut Sauce :

Combine all the ingredients for peanut sauce. Serve as a dip for the satay.

Selamat makan!

Did you know?

There are over 17,500 islands in Indonesia, making it the largest archipelago in the world!

Padhang Moncar— NZ's First 'Gongers'!

Gamelan came to New Zealand in the 1970s when ethnomusicologist Allan Thomas brought over a set of antique instruments from Cirebon, West Java. A group was formed and an exciting tradition of gamelan playing in Wellington began. In the late seventies a set of Central Javanese instruments was presented on permanent loan to Victoria University where it has been for more than 25 years. This set of instruments gave birth to an enthusiastic group of community musicians called Padhang Moncar who shared a common love for the sounds of Javanese gamelan music.

Managed by composer and lecturer Jack Body, the group has been under the direction of several different Javanese instructors over the years. At present, master musician and renowned vocalist, Budi Surasa Putra, directs the ensemble that practises and performs on a regular basis.



As you'll be aware, Indonesia was struck by a series of dreadful tsunami and earthquakes over the last two years. These terrible events became the centre of international concern and aid, and donations poured in from all corners of the globe. Padhang Moncar wanted to be part of this effort and in mid-2006 the group played four charity concerts to fundraise for those affected by some of the worst natural disasters of recent times.

For many years Padhang Moncar toured New Zealand annually. They have also travelled to Indonesia twice to participate in festivals. Recently they performed in the Nelson Festival in a stunning concert that drew a large crowd and featured both traditional music and new compositions by Putra and award-winning Balinese composer Gede Yudane.

Padhang Moncar has collaborated with an impressive number of Indonesian guest performers and artists-in-residence, and has also released nine CDs. Word is that there are several in the pipeline for imminent release.

Indonesian music fans will get to see a lot more of the group soon when it accompanies puppeteer Joko Susilo for three puppet shows in the Asia Pacific Festival held in Wellington February 8-16.

Good Investment Climate

With Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) viewed as one of the primary factors in the improvement of Indonesia's economy, it's no surprise that the Indonesian government has a strong ongoing commitment to make Indonesia attractive for foreign investors. In fact, FDI increased by more than 70 per cent in the first half of 2005. Britain, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia and Malaysia were important sources of new FDI during this period. According to UNCTAD statistics, total FDI in Indonesia amounted to US\$1.023 billion in 2004.

From 2004 to 2006, the value of New Zealand investment in Indonesia reached almost US\$117 million. The infrastructural, agricultural and natural resource sectors continue to attract investors. Tourism, manufacturing (garments/textiles, metal products, electronics and

machinery), chemical, food and beverage industries are included in those interesting sectors.

The priorities that the government has set to attract investors are based on simple principles such as eliminating corruption, creating a simplified bureaucracy with fast processing, and ensuring a secure legal framework for policy implementation. These are all extremely positive signs that our closest Asian neighbour will continue to present exciting investment opportunities to entrepreneurs and investors.

Marlina S. Tahrir



'Pondok Bahasa'

Indonesian is the lingua franca of the archipelago. It was adapted from Malay in the 20th century. You can greet people using these phrases:

Selamat pagi: Good morning
Selamat siang: Good afternoon (around 11am-3pm)
Selamat sore: Good afternoon (around 3pm-6pm)
Selamat malam: Good evening/night

The locals love it if you try to speak their language: show your interest by giving it a try!

Attention All Students!

Every year the Indonesian government offers scholarship programmes to New Zealand students who want to study language, art and culture at universities in Indonesia.

There are currently two programmes to choose from:

1. A one-year Dharmasiswa Scholarship Programme that runs from August 2007-July 2008
2. An intensive three-month Arts and Culture Programme that runs from September 2007-December 2008

To pick up an application form or ask for further details, contact the Embassy on (04) 4758699 ext. 720, or email: kbriwell@ihug.co.nz

This Issue's IndoKiwi Star!

Maia started learning a West Javanese dance called *Yapong* at the Embassy only a few months ago. Her teacher, Laura, was impressed with her enthusiasm. Since then, she has performed on stage at the Opera House with her group. She loves the dance so much that she even danced for her friends at school at 'Show and Tell'. Good on you Maia!

