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2007 World Subud Council Meeting AREA 1 INTERNATIONAL HELPER REPORT

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VISITS Which countries have you visited and when?	<p>Japan - August 2006 - Judy - Ibu's visit + Osaka and WCRP Conference in Kyoto Hongkong 3 day stop-over after Japan (also planned for Sept 07 on return from UK)</p> <p>Australia - January 2007 - Raina, Robert, Judy, Mason, Asmaniah - for the national congress</p> <p>Bangkok - Robert - as stop-over from Australia Jan 07 13-16 July 07 - Judy - stop-over to Vietnam</p> <p>Indonesia - February 2007 - Judy, Robert, Mason, Asmaniah, Sugandi - for the national congress and 50 year celebrations, plus visits to Malang and Semarang</p> <p>Malaysia - November 2006 - Sugandi, Robert, Asmaniah, Raina May 2007 - Sugandi - for the national congress 10-12 August 07 - Raina, Robert for kejiwaan weekend at KC request</p> <p>New Zealand - Christchurch - June 2007- Mason, Judy, Raina - on invitation from national helpers of NZ. Met with NHs and World Congress organising team, plus local group.</p> <p>Vietnam - 17-22 July 07 - Mason, Judy</p>
IMPRESSIONS Brief explanation of what you did and what you saw in each country.	<p>Australia - apart from doing our own testing, it was clear we needed to support the national helpers, and were involved in testing with several members for personal issues. Youth and kejiwaan sessions were well attended with some powerful receiving. Most of the second generation members were very casual about whether they went to latihan or not. Most did not go on a regular basis and yet make the effort to get to congress where they immerse themselves in latihan for a week. Young people were about 40-50 out of a total of around 400.</p> <p>Indonesia - attended 50 years celebration and national congress. Meeting with helpers - talking used, with a reluctance to use testing. Before Congress we visited Malang, and their Subud House under construction. We encouraged and supported 3 women to go to Congress which they would not otherwise have done. After congress we visited Semarang, renewing contact with the young ones sponsored to Australian Congress. New young female helper was appointed in this group. A need to visit other areas of Indonesia, eg, Sumatra, Kalimantan.</p> <p>Japan - deeply committed membership, good communication. An aging population but some young ones now active. Isolated members are well served by helpers and annual gatherings are well attended.</p> <p>Hong Kong - met with two women, recently opened. 2 evening latihan. Failed to meet up with longer-standing members there but they are in touch intermittently with Santa Raymond when she visits.</p>

	<p>Malaysia - Visited two groups, one in KL, one being hosted in a member's house - mainly extended family. Long-standing ill feeling between some male members - not resolved. Many women are not attending regular latihan. Lady helpers lacking experience.</p> <p>New Zealand - World Congress Organising Team working very well together. National helpers would benefit from more time together. Local lady helpers group requires to increase their numbers</p>
<p>DEWAN MEETINGS How many times have you met together? What were the themes or outcomes?</p>	<p>5 of us were together in Australia and 4 in Indonesia. We have not met as a full dewan since Bangalore. This is felt to be a real drawback by some of us. In Australia we tested the countries to be visited this year and who should go. There have been several planned trips which have been postponed for various reasons</p>
<p>CONDITIONS What are your general impressions for your Area?</p>	<p>Specific problems would be the sparse Subud population in our vast area; the difficulties many find in meeting together for latihan - cost or inconvenience of transport, or lack thereof, distance, lack of Subud premises. In some countries this is more difficult for the women for cultural and economic reasons. General questions of deepening the personal experience of the latihan, harmony within groups, improving communication are shared with the rest of the world.</p>
<p>GOALS What are your goals for the coming year?</p>	<p>To be able to meet as a dewan at least once every 12 months.</p> <p>To visit countries not already visited - eg Iran, Vietnam</p> <p>To improve communication among the dewan and with the countries of the area.</p> <p>To use our budget efficiently!</p>
<p>WSC MEETING What would you like to address at the WSC meeting from a kejiwaan perspective? And from a practical perspective?</p>	<p>To meet up with the IHS. Try to find the means to become more effective as a dewan and to try to assess and address the needs of the Area.</p>