



Rehabilitation for Physically Disabled

Yayasan Peduli Kemanusiaan Bali - Bali Humanity Care Foundation

Newsletter

April - June 2011

Introduction

Dear friends and family of YPK.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the work of YPK Bali and support for the disabled community in Bali.

Below are some of our highlights from April, May and June 2011. We hope you find it informative.

More information and details about how you can support the work of YPK Bali can be found on our website: www.ypk.org. If you would like to unsubscribe from the YPK mailing list, or know someone who would like to join it, please email info@ypkbali.org

From the YPK Bali team

YPK Bali celebrates 10 years

To celebrate our 10th anniversary, YPK held an open house for supporters and visitors from local government. The Head of the Bali Province Social Department officially opened the event as a representative of the Governor of Bali. This occasion strengthened YPK's relationships with Government agencies at the Provincial, Municipality and Regency levels who have committed to supporting YPK's programs. On the day YPK also donated a wheelchair and other equipment to some of our patients.

The event received some me-

dia coverage on radio, television and in the local weekly newspaper, which promoted our work as well as the work of our supporters including Schmitz Hille Stiftung (SHS), the Annika Linden Foundation (ALF) and Yayasan Kemanusiaan Ibu Pertiwi (YKIP) and others.

During preparations for the open house we met with the mayor of Denpasar and some of his key staff. They asked about whether we could be involved with assistance for war veterans. We think this is a great idea and are looking at ways to support more veterans.

International Children's Day

On June 8, YPK celebrated International Children's Day along with all child patients and their parents at a community event. There were competitions, performances, dances and a guest appearance by a pair of magicians. It was great to see patients and staff relaxing and having fun together. The children had a great day.

Collaboration with YAKKUM

YPK and YAKKUM have begun monthly meetings to discuss cooperation between the two organisations, limitations to our services and creation of a Memorandum of Understanding.



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Garden therapy evaluation

The garden therapy program YPK established earlier this year has continued to be an effective and fulfilling form of therapy for both child and adult patients. In June we jointly evaluated the program with IDEP – a local NGO with experience in permaculture and sustainable Development. The evaluation showed

that the garden therapy has had a positive impact on patient's fine motor skills and that it should be continued with some modifications, such as improving the schedule and modifying some of the equipment. A highlight of the program has been cooking the produce from the garden in our life skills classes.

Visit by Sunrise School students

Students from Sunrise School visited YPK twice during May to work with our education students. Together the children learnt songs, played games and helped each

other with Indonesian and English vocabulary. These occasions build the confidence of YPK's students and are a chance for valuable social interaction.

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Mobile therapy development

In mid-July, YPK made plans to implement the mobile therapy program in Karangasem and Badung Regencies. As a first step, YPK presented to the Karangasem and Badung Social Bureaus.

In Karangasem, the Karangasem Social Bureau, Health Bureau,

Karangasem and Manggis Sub-Districts Head, Village Head of Bubug and Nyuh Tebel all attended the presentation.

They showed enthusiasm for the program and gave some advice about legality, permits, licenses and the possibility of training local volunteers.

New classes for children

Recently we provided drawing, music and cooking classes to our education students. Pak Wayan Putra Priana provided drawing training for children that they greatly enjoyed. He will help at YPK twice a month. Mr Gusti has volunteered to teach the children the jembe drum. The drumming improves their hand

strength and coordination and it is a great social activity. We hope to expand the program in the future.

We have also held cooking classes for some of the education students. Teaching these daily living skills is an important part of the children's education and also has benefits for their therapy.



Montessori visit

In a follow up to our visit in March, in April our teaching team visited the Montessori School in Seminyak. They met with teachers to learn about Montessori teaching

methods and tools and looked for modified teaching techniques to assist our students. We hope to integrate some of our learning into YPK's education program

Annika Linden Center news

YPK will move into a new centre for disability, the Annika Linden Center, in 2012. To prepare for our move we attended a workshop with YAKKUM, YKIP, Bali Hears, the Annika Linden Foundation and Dasra. Organisations discussed

our goals for the next 5 years and our strategies for development. Mitha and Thomas, the architects for the Center, presented the design for the building. We will give them feedback as part of the design development.



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