



KARTIKA SOEKARNO FOUNDATION

for Indonesian children

Dear KSF Friends!

2013 has been a spectacular year for the Foundation.

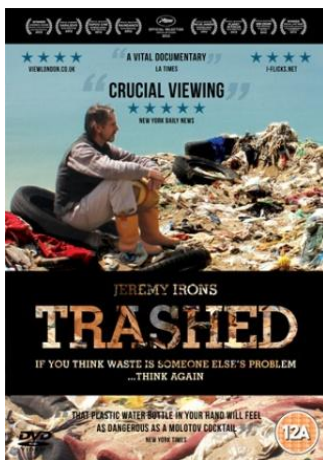


KS and H.E. Ambassador Katori at the grant signing ceremony, Japanese Embassy in Jakarta

We are very proud to announce that on March 25th, the Japanese Government gave a grant in the amount of USD \$117,000 to the Kartika Soekarno Foundations to assist revitalizing 50 Posyandu projects in Gianyar, Bali over the next 12 months.

Posyandu is a traditional volunteer-led maternal and infant healthcare center found in every Indonesian village.

Every child is weighed, immunised, given vitamin supplements while parents are offered counselling on family planning, breast-feeding, and nutrition, as well as advice on household sanitation and on creating a cleaner environment.



On November 11th, the Netherlands Embassy in Jakarta and KSF presented the screening of “Trashed”, a documentary directed by the British Filmmaker Candida Brady and featuring Jeremy Irons. This documentary had its premiere at the 2012 Cannes Film Festival and has since been nominated for best documentary at the Rain Dance Film Festival in the UK. The event was attended by the popular Governor of Jakarta, Joko Widodo, former President, Mrs Megawati Soekarno Putri as well as many members of the press and the environmental organizations which resulted in a lively debate with Jeremy Irons at the end of the screening.

From Trash to Treasure... On November 14, Kartika and Stephen Woodhouse travelled with Jeremy Irons and Sinead to Bali and visited on of their Posyandu Projects in Gianyar. This was a great opportunity to show for Jeremy and his wife to see the work of KSF.





Kartika and Jeremy join the children at the Posyandu Project in Gianyar, Bali

At the Posyandu Project in Gianyar, Kartika's visitors were welcomed by Gianyar Regent Mr A.A Gde Bharata and toured the facilities. They were impressed by the level of motivation from the Posyandu Volunteers. Jeremy and Sinead expressed strong interest in the development of life skills and attitudes in the early child care section of the Posyandu. Sense of initiative, creativity, self esteem and self confidence along with social and communication skills come from the way the children aged 3-5 learn and play at the Posyandu.

In this way, the children's potential is maximized for the sake of their future. By the time it was all over, Jeremy and his wife seemed enormously impressed by the Posyandu. "I was delighted to come to Bali to see the work of the Kartika Soekarno Foundation," they wrote. "If it is seen to work there and children's health is improving, other places will want to follow..."

So what's new?

We are excited to announce that we have a new office space in Kemang, Jakarta AND we have re-launched our Website which has recently been updated and redesigned by my dear friend Priscille de Neefs. It will provide a vibrant insight into KSF.

Should you require more information on KSF please visit our new website.

<http://www.kartikasoekarnofoundation.org/>

We wish to thank all of our valued donors for their generous contributions throughout 2013. Without their support, we would be unable to continue our committed work. We would also like to thank Mrs Etsuko Katori, the Government of Japan, the Embassy of Kingdom of Netherlands, Erasmuis House, WWF, Lotus Arts de Vivre, Dewi Magazine, The Japan Foundation, Mrs Maya Hartarto, Ms Yasmin Wiryawan, Mr Warwick Purser, Mr John Hardy, Ms Idanna Pucci, Ms Susanna Perrini, Mr Frederik Seegers and the British Embassy Jakarta.

I hope that you may join me in supporting our vision to give Indonesian children the start in life that they deserve; to equip them with the skills needed to grow up into healthy, happy, and productive members of society.

Next year KSF will publish together with EcoBali, small ecological cartoon books designed to educate young Balinese children. I would be more than happy to provide further information on KSF's health and education programs. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to make a donation.



Best Wishes for 2014!