

**PROGRAM EEIU – JAKARTA CHAPTER**  
**Year 2008**

1. On going activities
  - a. Regular seminar (joint organizer with Indonesian Society of Oceanologist)
  - b. Visit **Karang Sari 's village** (West Java) for sharing the Eco-ethic with the kids and teenagers (a least twice a year)
  
2. Propose Activities
  - a. Develop a proposal to establish '**Rumah Baca**' (*literally translate* 'House of Reading')
  - b. Identify the possible funding agencies
  - c. Recruit young or junior members to help run the program in rural sites
  
3. Others
  - a. Participate in any activities that are relevant to Eco-ethic mission
  - b. Play a role in promoting sustainable development at community level

## **HOUSE OF READING: A Project idea**

### **1. Background**

Education is a basic right to all citizens whether they are in developed or developing countries. Unfortunately in many parts of developing countries including in Indonesia, an education is still a luxury thing. Hence, many families could not afford to send their children to school with various reasons, i.e., location of school is very far, economic reason, and social consideration.

The government of Indonesia has initiated a nine years free-formal education since 1994. The program has been allocated 1.2 million rupiah/student/year for elementary school and 1.9 million/student/ year for junior high school (*note: 1 EU = 13,000 rupiah*). Although the program is in progress, but in several parts of the country have not touched by the program. Hence, we find kids and teenagers can only finish their education at the level of elementary (6 years) and, many are able pass junior high (9 years) schools. In rural areas, 60 % of them will help their parents in paddy fields or assist family business; many of them may also go to traditional or religious boarding school which is truly free school (they will work during the day and studying during the evening).

House of Reading, in Indonesian literarily translate as Rumah Baca, is a place of reading and playing for kids in rural area. Reading is an important of learning and opening up the mind of kids who have not got opportunity as lucky as their friends from cities.

### **2. Mission:**

The mission of the house of reading is as follows, among others,

1. to provide the kids with an excellent reading materials (agriculture materials, nature topics and various cartoons)
2. to assist the kids in preparing their skills in life
3. to meet the kids' need in realizing their dream

The above mission will assist the kids and teenagers to open up their choices in their life, to avoid them involved in drugs abuse, and other destructive activities.

### **3. Location:**

House of Reading will be built in a village of Karang Sari/Kujang, District of Ciamis, Province of West Java. District of Ciamis is about 6 hours drive from the capital city of Indonesia (Jakarta). The district is an agricultural area.

**4. Time Frame:**

2008 : Identify the site, and possibly to set-up at semi permanent house

2009 : Building a house and starting to operates

2010 : Rumah Baca fully operate

**5. Funding:**

The funding will be sought from various sources



Fig 1.



Fig. 2



Fig 3



Fig 4



Fig 5



Fig. 6

Figs. (1) women generally planting paddies (2) harvesting paddies after 3 months of plantation (3) greenery paddies' field and me (4) Kids of Karang Sari village, Ciamis, West Java, (5) a potential site for reading's house, (6) a site to build a reading's house

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| <b>Dates</b>               | <b>Speaker</b>  | <b>Instituion</b>                 | <b>Topic</b>  |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Wed, 15 February 2006      | Drs. Hadikusumah  | RC for Oceanography - LIPI        | Hydrodynamic Modelling in Makassar Strait           |
| Wed, 26 April 2006         | Drs. Maruatal Sitompul  | RC for Oceanography - LIPI        | Intranet and its role as dessimation of information |
| Mon, 10 July 2006          | 1. Atsushi Uyamazoe, Ph.D<br>2. Masahito Suzuki, Ph.D<br>3. Fumiyoshi Okazaki, Ph.D<br>4. Maki Teramoto, Ph.D | NITE-Japan                        | <i>Oil-eating Marine Bacteria</i>                   |
| Wed&Thurs, 2-3 August 2006 | 1. Dr. Dwi Eni Djoko Setyono<br>2. Prof. Dr. Otto S. R. Ongkosongo  | RC for Oceanography - LIPI        | <i>Mariculture</i> and Environment                  |
| Tue, 29 May 2007           | Drs. Hadikusumah  | RC for Oceanography - LIPI        | Gelombang Pasang                                    |
| Mon, 28 October 2007       | Dr. Jun Aoyama  | Ocean Research Intitute,<br>Japan | <i>Phylogenic of Eels genus Anguilla</i>            |