



## A note from Lily Kasoem

We open the year of 2013 with encouraging news of which our students' achievements remain the highlight. From day to day, they show significant improvements in many areas: academic merit, personality, values and social responsibility. In the academic year 2012 - 2013, we saw more students enrolled in university, mostly through the scholarship programmes of Titian and the respective university.

On the administration side, the construction of Titian's new Bayat office and Community Learning Centre (CLC) is on schedule and we expect to have it finished by the middle of the year.

Deloitte and Touche has been appointed as our professional auditors. They are currently auditing Titian's accounts and will produce a fully audited financial report. I'd like to take the opportunity of thanking them. Not only do we now have world-renowned auditors, but they are generous enough to work on a pro bono basis.

Personally, I am touched by all our achievements and I feel blessed to be able to work with Titian's students and donors. I'm impressed with donors' commitment to each of Titian's programmes. We get both their generous donations and their passion, dedication, time, and ideas in equal measure. The donors' active participation in our students' development are the heart of Titian's success.

Allow me to express my sincere gratitude to everybody who has contributed their hands and hearts to Titian Foundation. Having reached this wonderful stage in our development I cannot thank them enough. May the universe answer their good deeds.

Salam Titian,  
Lily Kasoem

# 2012 was another inspirational year with even better ahead

As we move into a new year, we want to use this edition of Titian World to reflect on the achievements and milestones of 2012 and look forward to 2013.



Titian's scholarship programme continues to bring out the best in our students. In 2012 we worked on the sixth intake for our scholarship programme. With the current batch of 80 students this means we have reached the 400 mark of young people who have been supported by Titian. We also had the very welcome news that 29 of our Batch 2 students had made it to university – that's 32%, up from 25% the previous year and way above Indonesia's national average.

In April 2012 Rumah Cikini officially opened its doors. Located in Cikini in the heart of old Jakarta in a Dutch colonial house, Rumah Cikini houses a gift shop and gallery, café and meeting room. Batik and ceramics designed and produced by Titian Foundation students and villagers in Bayat, central Java, are complemented by products from other NGOs such as Torajamelo and House of Lawe focused on preserving the arts and crafts of Indonesia and encouraging community enterprise.

A soft opening in March celebrated International Women's Day in conjunction with Soroptimists International, Jakarta. The Soropimists are concerned with the empowerment of women, a major issue in Titian's work increasing the economic success of Indonesia's poorer rural communities.

September saw the gathering of Titian Board members, staff, students, local officials and members of the local community on a sunny afternoon for the ground breaking for Titian Foundation's new purpose-built office and Paseban Community Learning Centre (CLC) in Bayat.

Titian's five existing CLCs continued their work of providing learning facilities for informal life skills education for their communities. Activities range from competitions, English courses and focus group discussion on a range of community development issues.

Titian student company SC Sakageni won the 'Best Student Company 2012' at the Annual Student Fair in July in Jakarta. The competition is run in partnership with Prestasi Junior Indonesia (PJI). SC Sakageni was also selected to represent their country at the Asia Pacific finals of the SC Competition in February next year.

Titian Foundation published 'Menjadi Guru Inspiratif' a book based on the successful Teachers' Quality Improvement programme. The programme itself was run again in 2012 for a third year. It has so far trained 600 teachers from Yogyakarta and Klaten.

**"It's been a busy year  
and a rewarding one.  
We are looking forward to 2013  
with even higher expectations"**

Lily Kasoem



## The Teacher Quality Improvement Programme (TQI) has a lasting impact

"After participating on the Teacher Quality Improvement (TQI) programme, I became more and more inspired to implement various innovative and joyful learning methods. It turns out my students are happier and they now easily understand the lessons." Ms. Sulis has now been entrusted with the role of headmaster at the Kanisius Banaran elementary school.

Ms. Sulis is one of many teachers who experienced positive changes after participating in the TQI programme. The changes were not only implemented in the classrooms, but also in their society.

Ms. Juriyatun, a teacher from Moyudan elementary school, is an art, culture, and craft teacher she now instills her students with a love of the environment. During her lesson she encourages her students to utilize the natural materials around them. For example, she encourages her students to produce vases and ornaments made from coconut shells. ■

## FEATURE



### Board Member Profile

## Nick Cashmore

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Nick Cashmore is a Titian Board Member and Chairman of his own investment consultancy. Here he talks about his work for Titian and his vision of Titian's future.

**Q: What have you learned from your career so far and would you say are your ambitions for the future?**

A: I've worked for other people for the past 15 years which included running the Indonesian business for CLSA, a Hong Kong-based stockbroker. With this invaluable experience, I felt the time was right to strike off on my own and create my own future. I have already set up Cashmore Capital and my goal for 2013 is to grow the business. I am a big believer in taking control of your own destiny and not letting someone control your life for you. My advice to anyone would be to follow your passion. After all, it's your life, make the most of it! Dream big and put plans in place to reach those dreams.

**Q: What's your favourite Indonesian dish?**

A: That's easy, it would have to be Nasi Goreng followed by Beef Rendang. Nasi Goreng must be the favourite of every foreigner, it's so popular. I once ate a day old chicken egg in the Philippines, it's not something I ever intend to repeat!

**Q: What have you enjoyed most about your time in Indonesia?**

A: I first came to Indonesia via Bali as a tourist in 1991 and in January 2000 came to live and work in Jakarta. I have been closely following the country ever since. While I now live in Singapore, my nine years living in Jakarta and travelling around the country will always remain with me. The one thing that I will always treasure is the warmth and friendliness of the people, regardless of their own personal situation.

**Q: What's your vision for Titian's future?**

A: I would like Titian to be a bridge for people to improve their lives through education to be part of a modern, forward-looking society. Better education opens up the world for people, and what an exciting world it is. After all, we all enjoy having a mobile phone, a motorbike or an ipad. These aspects of modern life make our lives easier, more interesting and more fun. In my own life, I was the first person in my family to go to university which has enabled me to enjoy the lifestyle I have. It has also meant that I am in the wonderful position to work with Ibu Lily and her fantastic Titian team. I would like to give back to the country that has helped me so much over the years. More specifically, I would like to see more students in the scholarship programme and ultimately, I look forward to the day when one of our graduates comes back and runs Titian!

**Q: Name one thing that you are most proud of.**

A: I am proud of my time with Titian. Lily Kasoem is amazing and truly an example of how her dreams for Titian can come true. I am especially happy to give back and help other people so that they too may pursue their dreams.

## NEWS BLITZ

### University scholarships

This year we have more students than ever who have been successful in entering university. Some of them received their scholarship from the government or the university.

29 of our Batch 2 students have made it to university – that's 32%, up from 25% in 2011.

Students will attend some of Indonesia's top universities.

According to our children, the tutorials and counselling provided by Titian are the most important factors in achieving this success.

For those who come from vocational schools, who are not normally prepared for the national selection test, these tutorials really help them to catch up with their high school colleagues. Counselling and guidance also help children to decide their best options for their major and for university.

### English Mastery

The English Mastery class was initiated as part of the Titian Scholarship programme to build students' capacity in spoken English. While most students achieved high marks in the National Exam for English, because teachers put more focus on paper achievements rather than language fluency, students receive minimum language practice in their formal classes.

This semester we have two classes of 15 students. There are many more students who would like to join the class but we deliberately limit numbers in order to get the maximum results for our students.

We also received help from two very enthusiastic and committed university students who dedicated their time to teach English, acting as sparring partners for the children in practicing their English.

In the class, they're not only demonstrating how to speak English well but encouraging the children to actually speak it. The children learn that it's OK to make mistakes, worry less about grammar and just speak. These students bring new ideas to the class and make the learning process fun and interesting.

We see this semester as a trial and error period for using university students as mentors in this way. If the results are good we will collaborate more fully with the universities.

### ROTA Volunteers A Big Hit in Bayat

Between the 1st and 5th October, 24 adult volunteers of ROTA visited Bayat to share knowledge and culture with students of SMP 1 Banyuripan in five different subjects as diverse as music, the environment, English, Computers, life skills and sport. The programme involved students in grade 8, and with volunteers assisted by five English teachers who acted as translators. Everyone agreed that the classes were fun and exciting for both students and volunteers alike.

Volunteers had the opportunity to learn batik making and ceramics, part of the traditional culture of Bayat village. They were taught by vocational students of SMK N 1 ROTA Bayat to make wooden batik bracelets and many shapes of pottery.



The workshops gave vocational students the opportunity to demonstrate their talent and connect with their foreign guests.

On the fourth day of visit, volunteers met with the local kids of PagerJurang hamlet where they did painting and made small items of pottery as part of preservation of the ceramic tradition as well as developing the resources of people in the hamlet to help establish it as a tourist destination.

These volunteer visits are a chance to promote Bayat and its distinguished heritage, forging access to the people of Bayat in an effort to alleviate their poverty on a sustainable basis. The hope is that many more visitors will come to know about Bayat through such cultural exchanges.

## Community Development Programme A Great Success

Titian Foundation has improved skills of 15 women from Cungkrungan hamlet through its Community Development programme by providing sewing training. The training is held twice a week and facilitated by teachers of vocational school SMK N 1 ROTA Bayat. As part of the batik village, the women of Cungkrungan hamlets are learning how to make their own batik patterns, turning them into shirts. In this way, Titian is opening the minds of laborers to think more like entrepreneurs. The bond between the community and vocational school teachers is a strategic relationship with the intention of establishing a school-village vocation. ■



## Generation 6 Selection Underway

We are now in the process of selecting generation 6, the sixth time we have performed the selection process. Based on observations and evaluations through the years, we decided to adjust the qualification criteria for the applicants with regard to their family background. The new criteria are in line with the government's underprivileged family qualification.

In order to ensure we get the right candidates, we now conduct two interviews with applicants. We believe that the more we know about the applicants, the more certain we can be that we are choosing the right person.

This updated qualification and selection process means we will reach more people who really need our help. ■

## Ground-Breaking for Titian's New Bayat Office



PICTURES TOP LEFT: Ibu Lily Kasoem introduces Titian Board Members and staff. TOP RIGHT: Ibu Lily Kasoem, with Board Members Ibu Roosniati Salihin and Mark Grudzinski inspect plans for the new office. BOTTOM LEFT: Bapak Albertus Eko Triraharjo Amd.Akt, the Chief of Paseban Village places the first stone of the foundations. BOTTOM RIGHT: Villagers and dignitaries gather for the groundbreaking event.

## Rumah Cikini Opens Its Doors



ABOVE: Interior views of Rumah Cikini. BELOW: The Soroptimists International, Jakarta celebration of International Women's Day.

# Visiting the parents of Titian students

This month we visited the home of two sets of parents of successful Titian students. They are Bapak Budi Hartono, the parent of Niasih – Scholarship Generation 3 (above) and Bapak Eko Pamardi, the parent of Hernando Pamardi – Scholarship Generation 4 (below).



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### Donors/Sponsors

Titian Foundation's programmes are run entirely with the help of donors and sponsors. We are always pleased to receive new donations or sponsors to help us expand Titian's reach. This may mean being able to help more of Indonesia's disadvantaged young people or setting-up additional Community Learning Centres so that local communities can protect the traditional skills and talents that form such a vital part of local culture and the country's heritage.

### Volunteers

Our programmes also rely on a number of highly-motivated volunteers. We need further volunteers to work with our students and communities to improve their English skills, entrepreneurial competence and other crucial skills. For those willing to spend some time in Bayat (just outside Yogyakarta) we can provide simple accommodation and meals. It's a rewarding experience, with visitors always receiving a warm welcome. Those who have volunteered in this way come away with a deeper understanding of authentic Javanese culture, having built lasting bonds with youngsters and adults alike.

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