



WIC Jakarta Newsletter

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A Glimpse of the Scholarship Recipients' Lives: A Special Recount by Mrs. Ningti

Ningti, our scholarship chairperson shares her stories on three of our Women's International Club Jakarta (WIC Jakarta) scholarship recipients.

"During this pandemic period, most students have gone back to their hometowns and are now staying with their parents. Only a few students still live in the dormitories or rented rooms.

Below are some of their stories explaining their ordeals.

One of the students was brought up by her grandparents. She is fully aware of the fact that the elderly have a higher risk of being infected by viruses, including the Corona virus. Since she does not want, her grandparents to get infected, as she may unknowingly be a carrier, nobody knows what may happen. It is possible that she may get infected on the way to go home for Eid-ul Fitri. Therefore, she decided to stay in the dormitory during this pandemic period.

Another story from the other student:

"Due to pandemic, she is not able to carry out her field research, including data collection, hence she wanted to change her approach by conducting a desk-research/study, instead.

Unfortunately, her thesis adviser did not agree to her proposal. She just hoped that the situation will be back to 'normal' again in the next few months so she will be able to continue her field research which is required of her thesis and completion of her studies. Otherwise, she will have to postpone the field research; thus, paying for another six months' tuition fee which will be costly."

Another student wrote that he was able to go back to his hometown and is now staying with his parents together with his brothers and sisters. By staying at home due to the partial lockdown, it has made him closer to his parents and siblings. Furthermore, he has more time to contemplate about his own weaknesses as a person, allowing him to become an individual with better character. He also has more time to think and in fact, he was able to draft some useful articles which can then be submitted as his journal papers.

Scholarship stipends provided by WIC Jakarta from the generosity of your contributions have helped many young students in their studies. Thank you so much.



**Ningti Budiarti Ali Asra,
Scholarship Chairperson**



Dear WIC Jakarta Members,

Welcome to our first e-newsletter 2020.

In this new era because of COVID-19, we are introducing our first once in two months e-newsletter. We hope to share meaningful news and stories to our communities and to bring forth our club's motto of "Friendship through Understanding. "

The aims of the Women's International Club Jakarta (WIC Jakarta) are as follows:

- To foster friendship and mutual understanding among women of different nationalities.

- To contribute to cultural development of women in general.
- To promote the cause of education.
- To contribute to social improvement.

Let's strive to achieve our motto and aims in this challenging times. Together we are strong.

As we say in this year's WIC Jakarta Executive Committee 2020-2022 team slogan, " All for one, One for all".

Be healthy, Be safe.

Warmest regards,

Mrs. See Mun Leong
a.k.a Seemun Suparno
Publications Editor

Remembering a Dear Friend, Yasuko San

By Mrs. Yasuko and Mrs. See Mun

We are blessed to have Yasuko Morita with us at WIC Jakarta. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, she and her husband have returned to Japan. This is her story:

Yasuko was born, educated, married and became a mother in Japan. But her biggest childhood dream was to meet as many people as possible from different countries. WIC Jakarta has made this longtime dream come true.

Indonesia is the only country for her to STAY not only to visit. She followed her husband, a Japanese, with one year old only daughter to Jakarta. Her daughter is now 40 years old, who always says, "Aku Anak Indonesia".

She may be back in Japan at the moment but we know that her heart and soul stay in Jakarta.

Thanks to WIC Jakarta, Yasuko said, "I have a really rich life to have two 'Tanah Air Ku'. As a WIC Jakarta member for about 35 years and as a lecturer at Universitas Darma Persada for 20 years, I was awarded by the Japanese Government with 'Dedication for Education in Indonesia' in 2014. This award is given to a Japanese who has rendered special dedication outside of Japan."

"Not only to become a past Vice President but also an ordinary member is worth enough to make our lives deeper, wider and better. WIC Jakarta is the place where we all can learn all aspects of 'HUMAN BEINGS' through world culture."

Thank you so much. We wish you all the best in Japan.



Yasuko San

A Tribute to Ewa Tomczak-Slomka



Ewa in her national costume

Ewa Tomczak-Slomka from Poland has been a wonderful friend and contributor of WIC Jakarta. A mother of two sons, Peter and Paul, Ewa is also a proud grandmother of Hannah. Sadly, last month, she returned home to Poland. She was our WIC Jakarta Vice President 2016-2018 and an executive committee member in Social Welfare 2018-2020.

"WIC Jakarta has helped me to know Indonesia. Through WIC Jakarta, I learned about Indonesia and made many friends. This community and the culture has made me love the country."

Ewa is trained as a special education teacher. She enjoys being with the children and helping them learn.



At Rumpun Anak Pesisir, she volunteered her time and skills for the Yayasan. It brings her so much satisfaction and joy.

Beautiful Sumba is an island in eastern Indonesia rich in culture and tradition.



Farewell for Ewa at WIC Jakarta center on 29 June 2020. Ewa, it is not goodbye, but we will see you again. All the best from all of us at WIC Jakarta!



Another love Ewa has is travelling and seeing the beauty of Indonesia. Her favourite is Sumba.

On 29th June, we bid Ewa farewell. There were many tears and kind words exchanged. Gifts and memories shared.

Our President, Ari, bid Ewa, "Good friends are like stars; you don't always see them, but you know they are there."



Ewa's Farewell on Zoom

Women in WIC Jakarta Leadership

WELCOME!

NEW WIC JAKARTA PRESIDENT FOR 2020-2022
MRS. ARI WIJAYANTI NUGROHO

Looking forward to "A NEW ERA!"



Mrs. Ari Wijayanti Nugroho
President 2020-2022



Mrs. Elmyra Bambang
Past President 2018-2020

AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS. ELMYRA

How was your two years as WIC Jakarta President?
"It has been an enjoyable group with different characters. We did our responsibilities well and achieved good results. It is because of the blessing of God. Donations were good. The two years went very fast. I want to thank the team for all their support."

Thank you, Elmyra!



Vice President
2020-2022
Mrs. Kremena Angelova

EASY APPLE CAKE Contributed by Mrs. Kremena Angelova

INGREDIENTS

2 cups plain flour
10 grams baking powder (2 tablespoons)
1 cup sugar
1.5 cups chopped red apples (3 apples)
3 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup vegetable oil

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F) standard
160 C (320 F) fan-forced.
In a bowl, add flour and baking powder. Whisk well.
Mix eggs with sugar, stir and then add oil.
Gently mix all the dry ingredients until well combined.
Add chopped apple on top.
Bake cake for approximately 40-45 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

My family and I loved it!



Made by Ari, our WIC Jakarta President.
Recipe from Mrs. Kremena

Club News!

Dear WIC Jakarta Members,

EXCLUSIVE & EXCITING NEWS!!

The Ways & Means Committee has started a WIC Jakarta Online Shop as part of our 'New Normal' fundraiser...during this pandemic.

It started last 22nd of July 2020 and every two weeks, we have a selection of goodies for you to enjoy.



Look out for the yummy selections prepared by our fellow WIC Jakarta members.



Please check our WIC Jakarta info to see what we have on offer!

All proceeds are allocated to the various WIC Jakarta organising committees for distributions and support.

Should you be keen to take part and share your skills in this endeavour, please contact the Ways and Means Committee.

Looking forward to your participation.

Let's do this!!

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB JAKARTA

Let's Join...!!

Cigobang - Sentul

TREKKING

By Ways & Means

Thursday, 10 September 2020 07.30H .. Onwards Contribution : WIC Member IDR250.000/person Non WIC Member IDR275.000/person	Max. 15 persons RSVP deadline: 9 September 2020 12.00H RSVP: 0811-842749
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Cigobang
 3-4 hours PP
 Start 07.30 am
 Route : Rice Terrace, River, Jungle Waterfall

CIGOBANG
 3-4 hours PP
 Start 07.30 am
 Trekking: Rice Terrace, Jungle Waterfall

Mark your calendar.
It's a date!

"Fun Walk" to Celebrate Indonesia's 75th Independence Day

Inspired by Independence Day, Lolita Gunawan organized a "Fun Walk" day for the WIC Jakarta Executive Committee at Gelora Bung Karno Main Stadium.

"We have been staying in during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is time to go out. A safe walk is good for our soul, and it is healthy!" said Lolita. We agree.

Surrounding the stadium were luscious green trees. We felt so close to nature. It was energizing and cooling. A wonderful bonding time for us! It was a wonderful bonding time for us.

We walked around 5500 steps at the stadium and it felt good.

To finish the walk day, we rested with a refreshing coconut drink.

Join us in our next 'Fun Walk'!



Lolita Gunawan
Fun Walk Organizer



Note from the Publications Editor

WIC Jakarta welcomes articles for the upcoming issues. Please write down your inspiring stories about culture, women empowerment, social improvement and education! Let us all have fun and foster 'Friendship through Understanding'. Your contribution will be much appreciated!

Kindly send your suggested stories and contributions directly to me or through the WIC Jakarta Secretary at wic.diansapta@gmail.com.

😊 Mrs. See Mun Leong

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