

Ibu Rahayu's Talk at the Opening of Adi Puri
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Subud brothers and sisters whom I love and respect, as well as other respected guests who may have been invited too, praise God. We thank Almighty God that today we can open this house – Bapak's former home, which we used to call the 'Big House' – which will now be known by a name better suited to our plans for it, Adi Puri.

Brothers and sisters, I am truly touched that you achieved the target you set to open Adi Puri a day before my birthday. I greatly appreciate your hard work which went on day and night, because this project which was supposed to take six months, has been completed in one and a half months.

And, on behalf of the Yayasan Muhammad Subuh, I thank Luqman and his family and all the brothers and sisters who have helped and supported our plan to build a facility which is more in line with what the public needs today. We are endeavouring to be more open – whereas this house used to seem closed off, now it has an open feel to it, which we hope will attract public interest [so that people will ask]: What is Subud and who are Subud people?

And, brothers and sisters, I know that those who have done the work or executed this project, used the target of opening the Adi Puri in time for my birthday to motivate themselves, to make them willing to do something sincerely for Subud. But do not get the wrong idea that it was for me, or because of me. It was not. That is because the Yayasan Muhammad Subuh does not belong to me. The Yayasan Muhammad Subuh belongs to Subud; it belongs to all Subud members. So, we should look on this place as a memory from the time when Bapak was among us.

So, brothers and sisters, although it belongs to Subud we cannot use this place just as we please. We need to respect the meaning of Adi Puri. *Adi* means beautiful, so this is the Beautiful House. But this beauty should not just be a beauty we can see; it is a beauty that is to be enjoyed or

experienced and which will lead or lift people to a feeling of peace, for instance while watching a concert, or seeing an art exhibition, or during a meeting and so on. So with this place, we must uphold Subud principles. Although this is an enterprise, we have to make it an enterprise that upholds the meaning and essence of Susila Budhi Dharma.

And, while this house looks finished, I know that the cost of the renovation has not been covered yet. We still have bills to pay, which is our next task. For that reason, we still ask for your readiness to make a donation to fund this enterprise, or to help the Yayasan Muhammad Subuh foundation fulfill its role and eventually become self-sufficient and in turn contribute to other initiatives or projects that will come from all of you.

So, brothers and sisters I want to thank all of you, because this project came about very suddenly. And I myself felt that we were being pushed to complete it, but we do not know who was pushing us. But it showed through in the smooth execution of the project and in the way that the difficulties we faced were overcome one by one, and that we could complete what you see here today.

I thank you! Especially our overseas visitors, and the chair of the World Subud Association, Osanna. Welcome, and I thank you for the respect and closeness we feel, a closeness that shows there is no difference between members overseas and the members who are here. I constantly thank God that I am able to meet you today, because I have been absent from Subud activities for some time.
