



**Australia Indonesia Association (AIA)
inaugural 'Spring Fair'
in the gardens of Wisma Indonesia, 25 Kent Rd, Rose Bay
11am to 4pm, Saturday, 27 October 2007
All proceeds to the Bali Hati School, Ubud, Bali**



The Australia Indonesia Association (AIA) intends to give families a complete sensory experience of the delights of Indonesia at its first 'Spring Fair' to be held between 11am and 4pm on Saturday, 27 October 2007. Cultural performances on the terrace and in the gazebo at Wisma Indonesia will include Balinese dance, a Gamelan performance and other performances. There will also be a Gamelan workshop and an opportunity to buy one of the Gamelan instruments, the Gangsa.

While the cultural performances and workshop are included in the cost of entry --- it's by donation --- there will be stalls selling a variety of goods and crafts, as well as delicious Indonesian food, and all will be donating a percentage of their takings to the Bali Hati School. In fine Australian tradition there will also be raffles and a silent auction with the opportunity to win a fabulous prize or snap up a bargain. Prizes have been generously donated by Ascot Teak, That Bali Shop, Coffee School, Bali Garden, Buddha Belly, Bali in Profile, Batu Collections, Ritz Cinema, Bad Back Shop, Asoho, and Rainbows for Children, among others. Netfare Travel has also generously donated a return ticket to Bali. Those planning a trip to Bali can bid for accommodation at the Warwick Ibah Luxury Villas, treatments from Spa Hati and Bali Botanica, as well as a dining voucher from Enak Warung Restaurant, all in Ubud.

President of the AIA, Eric de Haas said 'The AIA, with the support of the Indonesian Consulate and the Indonesian Australian Women's Association (IAWA), is delighted to be organizing this fair to raise money for educational resources for Bali Hati School in Ubud. As entry will be by way of donation, we hope everyone will be generous. The AIA recently celebrated its 62nd anniversary of promoting "people to people" contact between Indonesia and Australia. We work with other associations such as IAWA to foster cultural and social ties within our local communities and with communities in Indonesia. As organizations we support projects both here and in Indonesia. Working together on something as rewarding as this project is also most enjoyable, and we are always keen to welcome and involve new members.'

Bali Hati's representative in Australia, Paulette Kay, said 'We're most grateful to the AIA for taking on this project, to the Consulate and IAWA for their support of it, and to the sponsors who have donated such wonderful prizes. Ms Kay described Bali Hati School as 'a primary school, operated by the Bali Hati Foundation, catering for approximately 128 children, primarily the children of the poor. The school's 2006 graduating class, its first since opening in 1999, was ranked No. 1 in Ubud, with SDN 6 School, Mas, where the children sit their exams. In July 2007 the students did even better and were ranked No.1 in Bali. We're very proud of them and their teachers.' As Bali Hati School is an independent school with few full-fee-paying students, the foundation relies on profits from its own Spa Hati as well as donations, sponsorships and events, such as this AIA Spring Fair, to meet continuing operational costs. The work of the Bali Hati Foundation was recognised by the Balinese and Indonesian governments in 2005 when it was awarded the 'Most Outstanding Social Foundation' in Indonesia, particularly in the field of education.

The AIA Spring Fair is being held in the garden of 'Wisma Indonesia', 25 Kent Road, Rose Bay.

RSVP by 24 October appreciated --- catering purposes only re adequate food stall supplies. As there is limited parking in Kent Road, it's suggested that people park at Lyne Park on New South Head Road. Enquiries & RSVPs: Sheri 9267 3633; on 27th October: 0414 625 740 Please also visit www.balihati.org, www.australia-indonesia-association.com