

Good evening and Selamat Malam

Ladies & Gentlemen, my name is Jahar Gultom and I am the Head of Chancery here in Melbourne for the Indonesian Consulate General.

I welcome you here to the Consulate to celebrate the launch of the Marsh Foundation.

We have only known Clair & David here at the consulate for a few short years – their work in Bali after the bombings in 2002 had been well documented and we all looked forward to meeting them.

In particular, our previous Consul General, Pak Wahid Supriyadi developed a very strong relationship with the Marshs (and I have here a letter recently received from Pak Wahid).

We have all been proud of the commitment, passion and intensity of Clair & David to help the people of Indonesia, including their great assistance in the aftermath of the Tsunami of December 2004 and the Jogjakarta earthquake in 2005.

That they have now formed a Foundation and gathered among their Board people who all love Bali, signifies to us, the Indonesian people, of their long term commitment to care for our people.

We thank you from our hearts, along with the Bupati of Buleleng, the Wakil Bupati of Badung, the Bupati of Karangasem, the Directors of Sanglah, Karangasem, Singaraja and Badung Hospitals and the many orphanages and other charities that you support.

We shall continue to assist your endeavours and you are all truly our friends. These efforts continue to improve the bilateral understanding between our two great nations.

Again our thanks to you and I hope and pray that you can return soon to Medan, my city in Sumatra to help our people there.