GREETINGS TO WCI'S NEW MEMBER!

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB JAKARTA

Summary Report
From Jakarta Club's Welcome Ceremony

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I recently traveled to Indonesia with Vivienne Shen, WCI's Regional Membership Chair to Asia. We met with Pooja V. Assomull, President of the Women's International Club Jakarta, which is the most recent organization to join Welcome Clubs International. Pooja and the ladies of the *WIC Jakarta* Executive Committee were gracious hosts.

On Monday, October 3, 2016, we visited a Social Welfare Institution which their club supports.





SLB C Winasis is a school for the mentally and physically challenged children which WIC Jakarta supports through proceeds from their Annual Charity Bazaar. The children put on a lovely show.

We then traveled to their offices where the Welcoming Ceremony of *WIC Jakarta* to WCI was held. I delivered WCI documentation to President Assomull and lovely gifts were exchanged. Following the ceremony, we shared in a delicious luncheon of Indonesian cuisine, and later that evening the Taiwan Trade Office invited us to enjoy dinner at an exquisite restaurant.

The following day, we toured Old Jakarta and the National Museum, and enjoyed a wonderful meal at the Cafe Batavia. We were treated to a typical Indonesian dance and dinner at the Kunstkring Restaurant that evening. On Wednesday, we were guests at a Fashion Show attended by diplomats' spouses and representatives from the government, and there appreciated the beauty of batiks and the joys of Indonesian fare once again.

The ladies of *WIC Jakarta* were absolutely delightful to share these days with us. We look forward to having them meet WCI members at our Conferences, and we are hopeful *WIC Jakarta* Representatives will attend the WCI Board of Directors Meeting this coming May in Cyprus.



At left is Maria Fernanda Arduino, WCI President, with Vivienne Shen, WCI Regional Membership Chair to Asia

Welcoming Ceremony for WCI at the offices of WIC Jakarta: WIC Jakarta President Pooja V. Assomull (center left); WCI Regional Membership Chair Vivienne Shen (center right); WCI President Maria Fernanda Arduino; with WIC Jakarta Executive Committee members





L-R: Katia Blanchard, WIC Jakarta Liaison Officer to WCI; WIC Jakarta President Pooja V. Assomull; WCI President Maria Fernanda Arduino; WIC Jakarta Executive Committee Member Maria Moritcia L. Ginting



Reception Dinner at the Taiwan Trade Office in Jakarta