

the Organic Farm Bali - October 2012

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Selamat pagi from Bali!



How do Balinese think about WORK?

This subject was triggering me.

Looking back at this summer's holiday season, most of you back in your hectic daily life again and working hard?

Work, The Balinese work for the welfare of their entire family, not for themselves alone. Unlike Westerners, they rarely look for individual self-advancement and tend to shun promotion, preferring to avoid a position where they have to give orders to their fellow workers.

Ambition is seen as arrogance.

In business the immediate contract is much less important than the continued relationship.

More important than immediate profit is feeling good with the other person.

Typically discussions concern family affairs before business.

Pure capitalism for a Balinese is essentially a private, selfish, and individualistic practice.

Source: Secrets of Bali. Fresh Light on the Morning of the World by Jonathan Copeland with Ni Wyan Murni.

Now I understand why Dodi didn't want to be "in charge" of the tip anymore. "Ibu better you divide because maybe the Team not trusts me"?

Now I understand why Wayan can't give orders to The Team and always asking me to do it.

Still not understanding where to put the cockfights in this Balinese Work believes?

And better understanding why all Team is so eager to start The Organic Farm Village Foundation. "Together".



At the office of our Notary.

Team so surprised to see so many beautiful girls at the reception.

These girls were all reading the news paper, doing their manicure, checking their Facebook.

The Team asked me "Ibu why don't these girls offer us a coffee or water when we are waiting so long, different in our village right?"

The Organic Farm Village Foundation

Yes, we all signed! It was a 4 month process.

How to let the village profit and NOT only the men? That took some time, thinking and negotiating.

The Mayor and the smarter guys in the village signed the statutes.

And Kadek will be the secretary.

So proud with her! The first "just a girl" in the village sitting around the table with men.

Kadek is having the right to check all these men too!

An article we want to share:

Bali News: Bali's Farmers Go Begging

www.balidiscovery.com/messages/message.asp?ID=8227

Are Bali's Farmers Worse Off than Street Beggars? Bali News: Bali's Farmers Go Begging. (5/25/2012). Bisnis Bali relays the disheartening news that while ...

In the next update more about the Foundation.

Electronic Identity Card

Everybody in the village had to get an electronic ID.

Before, Indonesians could have more ID Cards.

Because they have different names (Balinese and western), different days of birth (Balinese and Western), different villages they are registered etc.

All Team needed that day off to go to Baturiti to get their picture and details taken.

I asked them "Heh? All together? 200 family members at 8 o'clock? Why not A to C at 8 o'clock, D to F at 9 o'clock?"

"Can not Ibu. Our village consists of just 4 family names remember?"

Oh, jah, I forgot.

At dinner I asked Dodi. "How long did you have to wait?"

"6 hours but no problem. Just happy catching up with everybody, drinking coffee and eating."

Eh, 6 hours catching up with your family you see and talk with every day?

Jah.

As today is worlds Animal Day: Baby cow from Dodi Pacale is born!

Balinese believe that if you give an animal a name you get attached to it and can't eat it anymore right?

But guest Pascale did and gave it her name

We had 2 vets on honeymoon as our guest, I asked them if they could try to milk the cow? They did and big surprise for them too, not one drop of milk came out. They had never experienced this before.

It might have been stress from the cow? Or is Dodi right that you can't milk a Balinese cow?



Lost in Translation

We took the village kids to a resort on the beach with many swimming pools.

Puspa asked me "Ibu, why are you and the other westerns not smiling laying on your sun bed, having food, drinks?"

Why are they not smiling all the time like us?

You and them are just reading in your books about another world then this pool right now?"

Why are you coming all the way to Bali for that?

We are happy, laughing, having fun! We fly the kites pk "Hoep" gave us, we wear the swim ware and shoes every body gave us.

For us kids from the mountain it's so special and beautiful here, is that not so for you!?"

What could I reply?

We western, don't have cows, don't have roosters, we can't make offerings, for us it's not important if the first child is a boy or a girl, we don't eat rice every day.

We western are working very hard to have a holiday in Bali and therefore we need to relax at the pool now. And we love reading books so not Balinese!

"Ok Ibu, I think it's very difficult to understand the whole world right?"

We are proud to be mentioned in this Best of Bali article!



*Thank you for reading what kept us busy.
Work hard on that what is most important for YOU?*

Lots of love from all of us!

Marjan, Wayan, Team, kids, Villagers, Animals

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