A PLANNED AND DIGITALIZED LIBRARY OF STBA YAPARI-ABA BANDUNG

(A proposal for an innovative library in Bandung Indonesia forwarded to Elsevir Foundation in 360 park Avenue South New York, N.Y. 10010-1710, USA)

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P R E F A C E

This proposal is written to respond to THE ELSEVIER FOUNDATION Program for Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries offering up to US $ 50,000 for single year grants.

Since Indonesia is classified as one of the developing countries, our school, STBA YAPARI-ABA (School of Foreign Languages – Indonesian Tourism Foundation) whose library is still employing manual system deserves and expects to get such a grant to keep up with standard universities with standard libraries.

To be a standard library, ours requires to be in a digital system, of course, this can be carried out only with your assistance in the embodiment of the grant you offer.

We highly appreciate your honest and sincere financial assistance or grants to innovate our library. We Bandung, August 30, 2007 highly appreciate your assistance.

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<center>PROPOSAL</center>

1. Background

The terms "World Class University" is currently popular, particularly among the higher institutions in Indonesia. This phrase is getting more familiar, especially since the time when the government issued the decree on the autonomy for some major state universities (UI, UGM, ITB and IPB). Almost all the universities have, implicity and explicity, included their vision into "World Class University". Some non-state universities have claimed themselves, as the world class universities,

Becoming world class universities have been inevitable considering the facts that we are to be ready for the current phenomena owing to the era of globalization as follows:

The world is changing at unprecedented rate. Economis, society and technology have become more complex, the nature of works is radically altering, jobs are disappearing and the past is less and less guide for the future.

For these reasons, it is true what Sir Wilson Churchill says:

<center>*"The empire of the future will be the empires of the mind"*</center>

<center>(Rose and Nicholl 1997:1).</center>

However, Tony Buzan reacts against this by saying:

> *"Most people use only a tiny fraction of their brain's capacity, not because they don't have the intelligence, but because they have never been taught how to access and develop their innate abilities"*
> (Idem p:1).

2. School Background

The school for which the proposal is made is STBA (The School of Foreign Languages) YAPARI-ABA Bandung of which address is Jalan Cihampelas 194 Bandung, West Java Indonesia. The school was founded on October 26, 1963 (so now it it is 44 years old) long enough for becoming a

prototype of that kind but too far from being an uptodate model, especially in terms of library facilities.

Learning the history of the school STBA YAPARI-ABA Bandung – Indonesia, it was first registered at the Ministry of Higher Institution and Knowledge & Science on August 11, 1965 based on the Ministerial Decree 117/B.SWT/P/1965. It is therefore a high time for the staff and members of the Academic Societies to be grateful to the Only god, the creator of everything so that the school has been what it is today.

Working hard seriously, the school with its Three Year Diploma Course Program was later promoted to the Undergraduate Program with its new status being accredited on April 1992 based on the BAN PT (National Accredition Commision 002/BAN-PT/Ak-II/XII/1998, 2002 and later 022/BAN-PT/Ak-VIII/S-1/2004.

The school comprises the departments of English, German, Japanese and French with its total of over 1000 students. The scores of the accredition indicate; B, B, C,C for the department of English, Japanese, German and French consecutively. The school is completed with such facilities as: classrooms, library, language laboratory, the rooms of teaching staff, administrative staff, students bodies, doctor, prayerroom and many others.

The library of STBA YAPARI-ABA Bandung, Indonesia is yet to be digitalized, leaving the students being served manually. Since, library is the core of education, the school cannot yet be claimed as the standard one unless it is digitalized to serve its visitors.

3. Goals and Plans

Like many other libraries, the library of the School of Foreign Languages is focused on supporting the institution to achieve the vision to be the center of excellence in becoming the model of; language learning and linguistik research featuring the development of tourism, business, management and minor industries supported by the sophisticated technology.

The planned operation is going to be carried out the Academic Year 2007-2998 based on the academic calendar. The process of digitalizing the library networks will take place as soon as the grant arrives.

Following is the tentative timeframe:

TIME FRAME OF INSTALLMENT

FEBRUARY 2008

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
The Grant arrives	GLIS Computer systems are started to be installed	Hardwares are installed	Other hardwares are installed	Softwares are installed	Other accessories are completed and installed	Recheck and Reviews

Note : that the timeframe is made flexible.

4. Innovation

An innovation is an idea, practice or object that is perceived as new by anindividual or other unit of adaption (Rogers 1983:11). This program will introduce new ideas in a sense that visitors will feel comfortable staying in the

library to read books and enhance their knowledge about foreign language or English in particular and culture or knowledge in general.

The library will serve them digitally functioning highly with
1. relative advantage
2. compatibility
3. complexity
4. trialability
5. observability (Idem 15-16)

All these will be adopted so long as digital system is retained. The innovation will bring out diffusion, the process by which innovation is communicated through channels over time among members of academic society of the school of foreign languages STBA YAPARI-ABA Bandung.

5. Impact

Our library when having been digitalized innovatively will have such impacts as follows:

First, it will alter the nature of students works radically.

Second, efficiency will be maintained effectively.

*Third,*interloans in : books, journals and magazines will be carried out once and for all.

Fourth, security and control may be held tighyly.

Finally, library standard is achieved successfully.

6. Sustainability

When the grant has been expended, the sustainability of the digitalized library will be maintained by:

- allocating special budget for operating the hard and the software (5% out of the whole budget)
- updating the library staff
- checking the softwares frequently.
- Keeping up with science and technology development
- Reading digital literature
- Forming special working committee for checking the digital equipments and operation, etc.

7. The budget

The total budget of installing the library digital system may reach up to Rp. 450.000.000 (equals 50.000 U.S. dollars). This includes every step such as: ordering, fixing up, controlling, check uap, evaluating and allocating unexpected expenses. So, by having the grant amount as stated above, we are convinced our school library will come out to be the new innovated one in our city, Bandung – Indonesia.

Note that our city belongs to one of the finest tourist destinations with mild weather and cultures, moderate form of democracy bridging the gap between the West and the East. This atmosphere may create tourism popularity, thereby leaving the tourists enjoy and spend time in our new digitalized library (this our greatest hope upon receiving the grant).

8. Evaluation

To evaluate the program (whether is successful) few researches will be conducted using the following topics:

- how far has the innovation contributed to: the efficiency of learning achievement of the visitors (students).

- The correlation between students learning achievement and the frequency of the students visit.
- How the digital system facilitates the library staff in serving the students.

Statistic calculation will be collaborated with other universities (Indonesian Education University) or UPI – Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia in providing SPSS system.

9. Organization and Partnership

In applying for this grant, I wish to let you know of the institution organization and structure as well as partnership as follows:

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