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Dear Bapak Waleed,

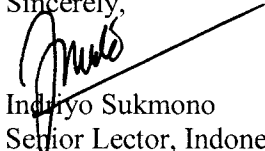
The Yale Center for International and Area Studies cordially invites you to participate in our Cultural Festival on February 12, 2005 here at Yale University. This event is held annually through the Council on Southeast Asia Studies. The festival is an integral part of our ongoing effort to share the rich cultural heritage of the region. We take great pride in our unique ability to bring the best available resources together for that noble purpose.

This year's program highlights Indonesia. No such event would be complete without a performance and demonstration of Pencak Silat Tuo Minangkabau and Seni Silat Haqq. Your experience in this spiritual art is unparalleled. It is no wonder that you are continuously invited to perform at similar events nationwide.

We would be honored if you would accept our invitation to this prestigious event. The Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in New York has lent their support. As a result, the evening will include performances by their Gamelan Dharma Swara and Balinese Dance Ensemble. In addition, we are dedicating this year's Festival to the victims of the earthquake and Tsunami disaster throughout Southeast Asia.

We recognize how rare it is to find a True Master of the Hidden Art of Silek Tuo, especially one who is the leading authority of its ways here in the United States. We are very grateful to learn that you dedicate your time to spreading the pusaka of Indonesian culture throughout North America and the world. Your authentic presentation of traditional Indonesian culture is a welcome part of Yale University's Southeast Asia program, and we look forward to establishing a lasting relationship with your group. We deeply appreciate and support your efforts.

Sincerely,



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