



Olympic Solidarity In Djakarta

Maurizio Clerici, an Olympic Solidarity expert-lecturer, participated in the international clinic held in Djakarta, Indonesia from 70th to 22nd January. Below we present his enthusiastic report of this clinic, the first of its kind organised by Olympic Solidarity.

Mr. Maurizio Clerici, with Mr. Soeworo, Secretary General of the Indonesian NOC, on his left.

"The closing ceremony of the 1st Solidarity Clinic on Sports Venues and Sports Injuries, organised by Olympic Solidarity in collaboration with the Indonesian National Olympic Committee, has come to an end. In the presence of the Governor of Djakarta, the President of the KONI (supreme sports authority of Indonesia) and other officials, the long and productive working session is declared officially terminated: but the discussions go on, there is no end to the questions put to the experts and lecturers (doctors and architects in this case); it proves difficult to leave and seems as if the time for discussing, learning, finding out will never be sufficient.

Around me smiling faces, kindness, friendship—all of which had accumulated day by day and had made the work between "experts" and participants enjoyable and rewarding.

In my seminar on sports venues there were 48 participants: 11 architects, 13 engineers, 16 sports administrators—all technicians in

their field—from Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Malaysia. (The regional course in sports medicine held by my colleague from Germany included participants from Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and Korea).

It seems almost fantastic: I have given 52 hours of lectures and conversation at an average of six hours' work per day. I showed over 120 slides, had discussions with every single participant and conversations with small groups of them.

But above all what strikes me as being quite exceptional is the fact that the Indonesian participants have, with my collaboration, undertaken extra work, drawing up a document to submit to the authorities of their country based on these three basic points:

1. Master plan of sports facilities for Indonesia.
2. Minimum (low cost) sports facilities for small communities: planning and implementation.

3. Management and maintenance of sports facilities related to points 1 and 2.

— a document expressing the will for, and faith in, the country's future social development through recreation and sport.

Over and above the technical problems, those connected with communications technology and those of management studies and local situations, what really struck me as being important was that the National Olympic Committee put its faith in a future which, thanks to collaboration between technical, sports and political forces, will find the path towards progress.

Together, technicians and administrators engaged on a programmatic study aimed at providing the government with an organisational and planning objective—the only way of giving substance to the plans whilst taking full account of available resources.

The Solidarity clinics revolved around two fundamental themes, one medical (injuries in sports—prevention and treatment) and the other of a strictly technical and sports interest (sports infrastructures) in both cases a practical approach was used an attempt to provide concrete solutions to all problems on the basis of local resources and in total accordance with concept and general problems of the highest cultural level.

As far as the organisation and preparation of the seminars by the Indonesian National Olympic Committee is concerned, it was without a doubt the best I have ever encountered on any similar occasion, at least in the sectors of sports infrastructures. The spirit of collaboration with the IOC has once again proves, indeed there was any need, exactly what Olympic Solidarity can mean and I have no hesitation in stating: "Indonesia, a growing country that deserves all the help it can get."

Finally I should like to thank my two Indonesian assistants and former Olympic solidarity scholarship holders, Messrs. Purnomohad and Srijono, for their valuable aid throughout the clinic."

