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Dear Friends of the Syiah Kuala University (UNSYIAH) Lab School:

I am Dr. Samsul Rizal, Chairman of the Yayasan (Foundation) for the Syiah Kuala University Lab School established with the help of the U.S.-Indonesia Society (USINDO)'s Aceh School Project following the 2004 earthquake and tsunami. Margaret Sullivan of USINDO has informed me of your interest in the Lab school. I am writing to report on our significant progress and inform you of our modest but critical need for two English language teachers this September.

The initial class of 100 students made enormous educational strides, and we have a huge number of applications for the second year's class. Two-thirds of our students are drawn from the four districts immediately surrounding the University campus that are still recovering from the 2004 earthquake and tsunami. The school and its foundation are also now covering their own operating budget from sources in Aceh, a significant milestone. The attached executive summary details our first year's achievements.

As we move into our second academic year, building the English language capacity of our faculty and students is absolutely key. Clearly, no one can do this like native speakers of English. However, this cost falls outside of our local operating budget.

We have partnered with Volunteers in Asia (VIA), which is recruiting two qualified native speakers of English to serve at the Lab School this September (see enclosed letter from VIA). To field two native English speaking teachers this September, the Yayasan must raise a total of \$40,000 for the external costs of the teachers for the coming academic year ending June 30, 2009. We appeal for your generous support to help us obtain these two teachers this September.

As part of our transition to independent operations, we are also beginning to take the lead role in our own fund raising. However, in the U.S., USINDO continues to encourage and accept contributions in support of the Aceh School Project and to make grants to support the school and the teaching of English. In the US, please make checks payable to "The United States-Indonesia Society" and mail to 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Suite 550, Washington, DC. If you need additional information, please contact Katy Goring in the US at (202) 232-1400 or kgoring@usindo.org, or Margaret Sullivan, Advisor for the USINDO Aceh School Project and Vice Chair of the Yayasan at danmargsullivan@earthlink.net (703 960 6815) Or you may reach me directly at pr1@unsyiah.ac.id

With sincere appreciation for your support,

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Enclosures
Executive Summary
VIA Letter

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