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KALPATARU

(The Environment Award 2002)

**Honoring those who serve
the environment**



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HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

If we consider the problems of the environment, what crosses your mind? Probably two things, if not damage, then preservation. These are the main environmental topics

because the concern human efforts to fulfill their daily needs. On the other hand there are those who are more sightful and convert land which is critically damaged into productive agricultural land. Among these two opposing positions have emerged people who have contributed to saving the environment from destruction:

Often these people have developed a wisdom and sensitivity to the environment and have sacrificed a



The symbol of KALPATARU

great deal and undergone risks without thinking of recognition or appreciation. Often they have worked alone for years, although equally often support has come from other sources once word of what they are doing has become known.

Initiatives are not always individual efforts. Group attempts to manage the environment using the potential and expertise of members has been effective and played a major role in the utilization of natural resources and the environment as well as in publicizing the name of the place in national and international forums.

To recognize these people's service to the environment and in improving natural resource management the government presents award each year on World Environment Day (June 5). The awards are called Kalpataru for people who have been environmentally aware.

The Kalpataru

It is not easy to improve the environment, particularly upgrading conditions which are damaged as a result of natural disasters or human actions. However, some people have the spirit and the will to work hard and are able to improve critically degraded environments to a point where they are of use again. The Kalpataru award is given to people with this dedication.

The Kalpataru awards began in 1980 in the form of a plaque. Since 1991 it had been changed into the trophy. Up to the year 2001, amount of 173 Kalpataru awards were presented to 51 environment pioneers, 44 environment servants, 59 environment saviors and 19 environment mentors. To whom those have been sustaining the activity at least in 5 years were awarded by Satya Lencana Pembangunan (National Award of Development)

In 2002, Kalpataru awarded to:

- Environment Pioneers: (1) Kuart Sudarta (North Sumatera), (2) Haji Arfan (West Nusa Tenggara), and (3) Herry Rompas (North Celebes)
- Environment Servants: (1) Endang Maryatun (Yogyakarta), (2) Mada Hendrikus (East Nusa Tenggara), and (3) Agung Sugiarta (North Sumatera)
- Environment Saviors: (1) Kelompok Pelestari Sumber Daya Alam Kali Jambe (East Java), and (2) Kelompok Masyarakat Kutasari (West Java)
- Environment Mentors: (1) Charles Saerang (Central Java), and (2) Ngangkat Tarigan (North Sumatera).

The Symbol

When Markus Djajadinigrat, an artist from Bandung Institute of Technology was assigned to find a picture for a series of postage stamps on the environment, he visited Mendut Temple in Central Java. Among the temple relief he found a picture of a

"tree of life" surrounded by pots containing money and jewels. Photographs of this were then examined by archaeologists who called the tree of Kalpataru.

From 1981 to 1988 there were three categories of Kalpataru award: the *Perintis Lingkungan* (Environmental Pioneer), the *Pengabdian Lingkungan* (Environmental Servant) and, the *Penyelamat Lingkungan* (Environmental Savior). In 1989 a fourth category was added that is called the *Pembina Lingkungan* (Environmental Mentor).

The ***Perintis Lingkungan*** award is awarded to an Indonesian citizen who is not a government official or assigned by the government who has made an outstanding contribution and this activity is something new for the local area. The activity also is successful at developing or supporting the environment.

The ***Pengabdian Lingkungan*** award is awarded to local officials in the field who have shown extraordinary dedication to service in environmental preservation and conservation.

The ***Penyelamat Lingkungan*** award is awarded to a community group which has successfully engaged in environmental conservation activities.

The ***Pembina Lingkungan*** award is awarded to industrialists, mines and energy business people, real estate entrepreneurs, forest concessionaires, fishery and plantation manager and other who have been successful in preserving the environment through direct efforts in the form of pollution prevention of

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prevention of environmental damage of preservation of biodiversity.

Criteria of a Candidate

Those who may be awarded a Kalpataru award are persons who have worked for environmental causes, and fulfill the following criteria: 1) Efforts must have been undertaken on the awardee's own initiative, 2) Activity must have an impact and increase awareness of the local people, 3) Activity must have been progress for a significant length of time and be seen to be effective, and 4) Efforts must have a positive impact on the environment.

Nomination Process

Nominations for awards can be submitted to. The Ministry of Environment, Republic of Indonesia, at Jl. D.I. Panjaitan Kav. 42, Jakarta 13410, Tel: 62-21-8580067, 8580068, 8580069.

Anyone can make a nomination, including the press, NGOs, government officials and the public. Winners will be determined by a jury made up of national public figures and intellectuals. The achievements of the winner will be examined in the field by the jury or a committee assigned to check.

The meaning of Kalpataru Award

The Kalpataru award is circular in shape. The top half of the circles symbolizes the forest, the flora and fauna, and other creatures which live there. The bottom half are the roots, which symbolize not simply the roots of plants but all creatures and natural resources found beneath the earth. The two parts are connected by water which surrounds them. And outside this the universe is an additional component which is important in this ecological unity which is the earth.

The Kalpataru award is 41 cm tall and is made of bronze covered with 30 grams of pure 18-carat gold on a base of sonokeling wood.



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