

# Obituary

PETER ANANDA

(1926–1993)

Peter Ananda died of leukemia in San Francisco on October 19, 1993. Not only was Peter chief architect of the Southeast Asia collections at the University of California at Berkeley, but, through his many contributions to the Committee on Research Materials on Southeast Asia (CORMOSEA) and the Southeast Asia Microform Project (SEAM) of the Association for Asian Studies, he also was regarded as one of the national leaders in Southeast Asia librarianship. After his retirement from the University of California in 1991, he devoted himself to the California-Indonesia Educational Foundation (CALINDEF), an organization he had founded to provide free books and journals for universities throughout Indonesia.

On CORMOSEA, Peter's distinct and lasting contribution was drafting the rules for entry of Indonesian names, rules later published in the Library of Congress *Cataloging Service Bulletin*. Peter served as chair of SEAM numerous times, and was instrumental in guiding the project from its inception to full-scale realization. Today, in large part thanks to his efforts, all important Southeast Asian archival documents and newspapers have been collected, filmed or microfiched, and made available for scholarly research at the Center for Research Libraries (CRL).

Born in Rantau, a rural town, in South Kalimantan on July 16, 1926, Peter proved to be adventurous. He left Kalimantan in 1943 to attend Technical School in Surabaya and Jakarta. When the Indonesian War for Independence broke out in 1945, Peter joined the Indonesian National Army and rose to the rank of Captain. After the war, he again became restless for new experiences and wider horizons. In 1950, Peter joined the merchant marine. His first overseas port of call happened to be San Francisco, and Peter fell in love with the city. Peter decided to "jump ship" and settle in the Bay Area for good. After a series of odd jobs, he was lucky in 1953 to find a job with the newly established Indonesian Consulate. While with the Consulate, he completed his B.A. at San Francisco State University and his M.B.A. at the University of San Francisco.

Soon after receiving his M.B.A. degree, Peter began to focus on library science. In 1967, he moved to DeKalb, Illinois, to accept a position as Southeast Asian librarian at Northern Illinois University. His stay at DeKalb lasted only a year, however, because he was offered a chance to return to the Bay Area as Southeast Asian librarian at the University of California, Berkeley. He accepted the position immediately and remained at Berkeley until he retired. In 1970, he completed his M.L.S. degree at Berkeley.

I first met Peter at the Indonesian Consulate in August of 1954, just a few months after my arrival from Indonesia. Little did I realize then that ten years later Peter and I would find ourselves embarked on a common career, a career that would span more than three decades—he became a Southeast Asian librarian at Berkeley and I a specialist at the Library of Congress.

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