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Dear Beautiful People,

Greetings from Bali! Have you heard about Ecobricks?

Ecobricks are made by packing tight inside a bottle all those plastics that cannot be recycled. To make Ecobrick no special skills, machines, or political programs are needed. Regular folks, from students to seniors can make an Ecobrick from their home plastic-- before it even becomes "waste". A bamboo stick is used to pack the plastics inside until it reaches a minimum weight. These Ecobricks can then be used for a variety of low cost applications: from making stools, to tables and chairs. They can also be used like bricks to build gardens, playgrounds and structures. When put to use locally, the plastic is effectively taken out of the failed industrial system, and sequestered indefinitely in the construction.

We are working hard over the last few years to spread ecobricks as a people powered plastic solution. It started in Philippines, now it's been really taken off in several cities in Indonesia, South East Asia, Sri Lanka, South American countries, and South Africa, and we keep receiving great news how it goes viral from communities, schools, local government, local NGOs. We have been developing the open source website www.ecobricks.org, so people can learn and update their knowledge, the foundation and philosophy behind, the vision-mission, the skills, and many other materials and news about ecobricks and what is happening in different places.

The Global Ecobrick Alliance finds its roots in the Northern Philippines, when Russell Maier and Irene Bakisan published the first version of the Vision Ecobrick Guide. Since then, Ecobricks have spread throughout the Philippines, and various organizations and movements have run with it. In parallel, the Global Ecobrick Alliance has been developing a system of training of trainers in Indonesia. It is our observation that Ecobricking spreads fastest and best establishes itself as a long term habit, when certain practices and methodologies are maintained. Our network of Indonesian GEA trainers has been fundamental to the deep penetration of ecobricking in Indonesian municipalities.

The TOT or training of trainer is one of best ways so far to spread the movement. Jogja (a city in Central Java Indonesia), is a good sample of the TOT result, through 20 certified trainers, the movement spreads in all kelurahan/villages and neighborhood units, and schools, and becomes a friendly medium to strengthen the sense of community and help the city government to tackle the plastic issue. And now neighboring cities, local government (especially city government and city environmental agency) and other provinces in Indonesia are following.

Given the overwhelming interest in Ecobricks currently bubbling over in the Philippines (we receive daily requests on Ecobricks.org for trainings) we are proud to partner with Let's Do it Philippines to hold two in depth, three day trainings in Manila and Bhol, to establish a similar network of trainers in the Philippines. Two of our senior GEA trainers (Ani Himawati/co-founder ecobricks.org and Shanti Ramadhani/Indonesian trainer – alumni TOT) will be traveling to the Philippines in October 2017 to share and exchange Ecobrick insights with the Filipino movement.

More about the event: <http://www.ecobricks.org/tot-ph/>



Global Ecobrick Alliance Training of Trainer workshops are three day immersive events where ecobrickers and eco-leaders come together to learn the fundamental principles, philosophy and science behind plastic and ecobricks. Attendees are mobilized and empowered to lead their own workshops. Participants receive a GEA certificate and are then fully equipped to disseminate ecobricks through their network and take workshop requests that are generated through Ecobricks.org inquiries.

We really want to work with Shanti Ramadhani, one of our hero – ecobrick trainers to join us in leading this TOT. It is very important that attendees are learning from the alumni of the TOT, and also because Shanti is amazing person, a senior high school teacher who is doing all voluntary works using ecobricks to clean the environment, to teach ecological consciousness to her students, to not getting tired to spread the ecobricks and now becoming a real movement in Jombang, in hundreds schools, in Islamic boarding schools and in coordination with government, she is organizing dozens workshops and events. And of course for Shanti, the international learning process will be very useful for her so she can share this experience with Indonesian folks.

We are still collecting fund for flying Shanti to Philippines. And through this letter, we humbly invite you to participate in manifesting this plan. You guys can donate to us, special for this event and this purpose. You can simply sign up in the website and can contribute there, start from 3,14USD. Or you can also send by paypal to vison@ecobricks.org or bank transfer to Ani Himawati, BCA 4451345626, swift code: CENAIDJA.

We are not an NGO nor a foundation, so we put trust as the only commitment for this movement. We will update you about the event and our movement. (once you are signed up the website, you will receive news and update).

For more info about us and the ecobricks movement see www.Ecobricks.org/about

Thank you. Sincerely,

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