2005 Jogja Amateur Radio Festival & Saptohoedojo Award

Jogja or Jogjakarta, located in central part of Java island, is an ancient land of towering volcanoes and swift-flowing rivers. Jogjakarta is an interesting city well-known as the cultural garden of Java. Where else in the world can you drive from edge of an active volcano to the beach in an hour? Sure you can do this starting your drive from Jogjakarta to the mount Merapi or to the Parangtritis beach in an hour.

The festival will be held at Kaliurang located 25 km to the north of Jogjakarta, very close to the mount Merapi. Kaliurang is a resort with a very nice tropical climate. Besides food, fun and several forums, there will be swap tables and vendors for buying, selling and trading of amateur radio equipments. The festival has authentic Indonesian food and live music. Food are available for purchase however. Three days activities have been arranged to facilitate the creation of a public space designed to be fun and enjoyable for the amateurs.

The thriathlon, a contest consisting of three different events, is designed during the field day for amateur radio operators to track hidden transmitters, to setup and operate portable stations as well as to send and receive morse code. The triathlon mobile fox-hunting will be a real test of skill but it is also a contest for fun, socializing, and the largest on-air operating event. The mobile fox-hunting will be done down the city of

Jogjakarta, tracking the hidden transmitters, and will end at Imogiri - the royal tomb.

Forums are available for everybody who would like to learn things such as how to setup a radio station, how to play with microcontroller and how to choose antenna. Some old timers will share their knowleges and experiences. The forums are free of charge.

Saptohoedojo award is issued in recognition of the presistence, meritorious dedication, and lifetime achievement of amateurs who have been licensed continuously for 15 years and up. This is a unique award for the old timers. Besides certificate and medal, eye ball QSO among old timers would be quite memorable as well. They could meet friends and share the joy, sorrow and experiences of this hobby.

Calendar of Events

Friday – February 4, 2005 Coming to Jogjakarta

Saturday – February 5, 2005

Hamfest, Bazaar, Forums, Live music and Triathlon mobile fox-hunting

Sunday – Feburary 6, 2005

Imogiri

Today, with modern methods of transport and communication, visitors to Indonesia in general or Jogjakarta in particular can discover for themselves the wealth in the forms of history, tradition, culture, adventure, as well as sheer of natural beauty. Here are information about some places in Jogjakarta and her surrounding areas.

Some Interesting Places to Consider

Pagelaran of Jogjakarta Palace

Pagelaran is the front part of the Sultan Palace. It was once the place where formal meetings between Sultan and his people are held. In this Pagelaran there is a sacred place called Siti Hinggil meaning the higher ground for the Sultan to take his seat, watching his people appeared before him.



Tamansari Water Castle

Tamansari is located on Taman street, about 1 km south of Jogjakarta Palace. Tamansari was built by Sultan Hamengkubuwono I and has been functioned as a royal recreational park until Sultan Hamengkubuwono III period. It has underwater mosque, water pool, and bunker for emergency situation.



Silver Handicrafts

Kotagede is known as silver city. Most of the people in Kotagede produce or manufacture silver handicrafts. But today they also manufacture handicrafts made of gold, brossware, copperware, and embroidery clothes.



Malioboro

Malioboro is the main road of Jogjakarta stretches from north to south in the heart of Jogjakarta city. Malioboro has been known as one of tourist attractions in Jogjakarta for a long time. Along this road, exactly on its sidewalks, many street vendors sell various kinds of souvenirs such as leather, wooden and silver handicrafts, batik clothes, and traditional food of Jogjakarta. Malioboro is well-known with "lesehan"; eating and relaxing on the street. Only after 10 at night it starts to get cosy, it goes on till the early morning. It is here where you can enjoy Nasi Gudeg, listening to Javanese singers and other musicians. Shown below is Malioboro at night. The avenue leads right to the mail outer entrance of the Kraton/Sultan Palace. The area has many restaurants, hotels, and shops, both modern and traditional.



Borobudur Temple

Borobudur temple is Budhist temple. The temple was built by the Cailendra dynasty in the 8th century. As a Budhist temple, the main object of Borobudur is statue of Budha in various positions. Built on a hill, it was designed to symbolize the structure of the universe. Located 42 km from Jogjakarta, Borobudur is one of the world heritage in Indonesia.



Prambanan Temple

Prambanan temple is the Hindu's temple. The temple was built by Sanjaya dynasty in the 9th century. As the Hindu temple, the main temple has three shrines, dedicated to the Hindu trinity: Ciwa, Wisnu and Brahma.

Located 17 km from Jogjakarta, Prambanan is the one of main heritage in the classic period.



How to Claim The Award

Saptohoedojo Award is a lifetime achievement award.

- 1. The award is available to those who have been licensed continuously to be amateurs for 15 years and up.
- 2. The award is issued in three classes based on the time span of the licensee:

SHA I = At least 15 years but not more than 20 years

SHA II = At least 20 years but not more than 30 years

SHA III = 30 years and up.

- 3. Everyone in the possession of the SHA I, II and III will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medal respectively.
- 4. The fee for award is US\$ 8,00.

Plan to come and join in the fun. See you at the festival!