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**To the World Forum of Science journalists,  
Re: Harry Surjadi's Application for Board Membership**

I would like to strongly recommend Mr. Harry Surjadi, the founder and director of the Society of Indonesian Science Journalists, to serve on the board of the World Forum of Science Journalists. I have known Harry for a decade now, and have interacted with him in many different capacities. I have always found him to be an excellent journalist and a professional partner who has shown strong leadership in the fields of science and environmental journalism, in which he has been active for over 20 years.

As a professional journalism who has covered science and environmental issues, a journalism lecturer at UC Berkeley, and the director of Internews' Earth Journalism Network, a global community of over 9,000 journalists dedicated to improving coverage of environmental issues, I have worked with Harry to build the capacity of Indonesian journalists. He has handled many projects and activities very capably, and has done a great deal to boost science journalism in Indonesia.

Although I don't know all the needs and requirements of WFSJ, science journalism in Indonesia and more generally in Asia could certainly use a boost, and I have no doubt that the WFSJ could help provide that under the active leadership of someone like Harry. I do believe he would make a strong board member for the organization, or indeed for any organization, and would help to increase WFSJ's presence in the region. He is a leader who is very much respected not just in his own country, but throughout Asia, as demonstrated by his ability to raise funds, for instance.

I hope you view Harry's board membership application with favor. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you should need any further information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Fahn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

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