



Interview by Jemma Purdey with Lubna Algadrie, Surabaya, 31 May 2014

TEFL Diploma and MA, English, University of Sydney, 1970s, 1980s

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[00:00:27]	Born in Pasuruan, about 80km from Surabaya, and went to school there. She has four younger brothers and four younger sisters. Finished school in 1963 and went to Institute of Teacher Education and Educational Sciences (IKIP) in Malang. In 1970 got her doctorate in education and went to Surabaya where she taught English at the naval base and economics at a senior high school. The director of IKIP Surabaya asked her to teach there. [Discussion about being the only female teacher at the naval base and most of her students were older than she was.] After working at IKIP for a year she was offered a place at the Surabaya Institute of Technology (ITS) and became the head of the language lab and head of public relations. The job came with a house, and she still lives there. A year later she was also appointed secretary of counterpart team of the construction team of the Sukolilo campus.	Family background; Childhood; Education; Early career
[00:04:37]	She helped young lecturers prepare for studying in America and was encouraged to apply for a scholarship herself. She applied to Australia and got a Colombo Plan scholarship to do a diploma. Went to Australia on 1 March 1977 with three others. Didn't have pre-departure training because her English was good. After finishing her studies her fiancé came to Sydney and they got married there on the 13th of November. Her fiancé was a Christian but converted to Islam and Lubna's parents weren't sure of him yet. The Colombo Plan education officer, Anne Leitch, offered her house for the wedding and they invited Lubna's lecturers and friends, 120 people from 40 different countries. [Lubna shows Jemma her biography with photos of the wedding.]	Scholarship opportunities; Colombo Plan; Living in Australia; Family
00:09:00]	On her honeymoon they travelled around Australia by train to Hobart, Melbourne and Brisbane. In Sydney she lived in a ladies lodge, close to the university, because she wanted to meet non-Indonesians. She joined the Australia Indonesia Association (AIA) and met an ex-fighter pilot, Jack Hughes, who had bombed Surabaya during the war. He wanted to make it up to Indonesian people and had Lubna and her friends to his house. He was her Australian father for her wedding.	Living in Australia; Travel; Accommodation in Sydney; Indonesian community in Sydney; Friendships



[00:12:56]	After a while her father moved to Gresik and became the director of a sarong factory. In Pasuruan her father worked in his family's business, their family home was very big, an old Dutch house, and was converted into a hotel. Lubna had a happy childhood in the big house with the extended family and cousins in Jakarta.	Family background
[00:15:53]	Lubna worked at ITS and her husband was a lecturer at IKIP but, when they had been married for eight years, her husband died. The children were five, three and one. Lubna had a scholarship to do her MA in Sydney and, a month after her husband died, she went to Sydney with her five-and-a-half-year-old son. The scholarship was for two years but she finished in 16 months so she could go home. After finishing school her son did naval architecture at ITS and went to a maritime competition in France as an interpreter. Then he studied hydromechanics in Holland and now works for INTEC in Jakarta.	Post scholarship career; Family and children; Further scholarship opportunity; Returning to Sydney
[00:19:08]	In 1977 Lubna completed her TEFL diploma in Sydney. Australians planning to travel to Indonesia would put notices up at uni inviting Indonesian students to visit and Lubna went nearly every weekend, catching the train to different places to stay with these families and tell them about Indonesian culture. And they all came to her wedding. Most Indonesian students were shy talking to Australians and didn't like to travel alone but Lubna wasn't like that, she loved travelling. Maybe because she came from an educated family when most in Pasuruan weren't.	Studying in Australia (first time); networks; socializing and friendships
[00:24:14]	<p>There were six Indonesians out of 67 TEFL students from all over the world. She became good friends with a man from Mauritius and another from Barbados. She liked meeting these people from different cultures and creeds. Went to all the beaches in Sydney. She wasn't bothered by the scanty clothing, couldn't do it herself but accepted that people are different.</p> <p>After the children were born Lubna decided to apply for a scholarship to do a MA and her husband encouraged her to go, perhaps already knowing he had cancer.</p>	Studying in Australia; international student network; friendships; Living in Australia
[00:28:00]	Arriving in Australia the first time was a shock. Jakarta was flooded so her plane was cancelled and she was sent to Perth and stayed in a big hotel for a day before going to Sydney. In 2007 she went to Perth with her daughter and was surprised at how much it had changed. The two education	Arrival in Australia (first time); Support from Colombo Plan officers; Arrival in Australia (second time)

	officers, Mr Chamberlain and Mrs Leitch, looked after the scholars at all the universities. When she arrived to do her MA, she missed the children and wanted to go home but the education officers were very nice and persuaded her to stay. The scholarship was until December 1985 but she finished and went home in June.	
[00:31:41]	Lived in a flat near the uni and her son, Jusuf, went to school. Lubna used to take him to the library with her and he would sleep under the table. One day a man walked past and gave Jusuf his jacket to use as a pillow. School in English was hard for Jusuf at first but he adjusted quickly and did well. Now he speaks English, French and Dutch as well as Bahasa Indonesia.	Living in Australia (second time); Family commitments
[00:35:15]	[Lubna shows Jemma some photos of the children and grandchildren, her close friend (Louise?) and her house.]	Family
[00:38:58]	After 1985 kept in touch with friends in Sydney. Jack Hughes and Anne Leitch have died but Lubna sees Anne's daughters and other friends when she's in Sydney. Also Indonesian friends who live in Australia now and a niece and nephew in Melbourne. Went to Sydney with a group of eight high school students in 2007 and encouraged them to study in Australia.	Friendships; Ongoing connections with Australia; Indonesian network in Australia
[00:41:34]	Lubna was the president of the Women's International Club (a group of ex-pat and educated Indonesian women in Surabaya) for two terms, until last year. She also worked in the kampong to enhance health. Works full time at a private university, managing and designing the English course, for 1470 students and 15 staff. The students are looking for scholarships to study overseas. Her children have all studied overseas.	Leadership; social and professional networks; Career; international mobility
[00:45:01]	Lubna focussed on the children and hasn't remarried. The younger two stayed with her mother when she went to Sydney. She's been involved in the Australian Alumni Association in Surabaya, it was a big, active organisation from 2003 to 2007 but it hasn't been popular since it was changed to AusAID and wasn't supported by the embassy. She misses it. She was also involved in the Alumni Reference Group (ARG) and travelled around Indonesia for seminars with them. She likes to travel, meet people and share her knowledge and experience.	Family; Alumni networks; international mobility; networks
[00:50:04]	Has been back to Australia four times since 1985, mostly to visit friends. Is planning to go next year with her daughter and niece. People like to go	Ongoing connection with Australia; Friendships;

	with her because she has friends there and local knowledge. [Photos of her grandson, ITS professors in Australia and a charity bazaar of the Women's International Club.] Went to Holland three times to visit Jusuf, and to Istanbul and Paris. In 2000 got a scholarship from the French embassy to have a study visit at Avignon University where she shared her experience with French counterpart, the manager of the English language centre for engineers, and he shared his management skills.	international mobility
[00:55:08]	Lubna doesn't have plans to retire. She is thinking of moving to Mataram, where her daughter, Sofia, lives. [Discussion about scholarships for Sofia and Lubna's younger son.] The house in Surabaya is a university house, so she can leave it any time but doesn't want to leave her neighbours, who are like family. [Photos of Sofia and her children.]	Career
[00:59:53]	Lubna's forbears were traders from Singapore via Kalimantan but have been in Indonesia for six generations. The Sultan of Kalimantan is an Algadrie. Her husband was from Maluku in the south part of Ambon, they met at university. It was a happy marriage. [Photos]	Family background
[01:03:01]	Remembers Mr Queen who taught Indonesian at Sydney University when she went there. They asked her to teach Indonesian and Malay studies so she lectured there in 1977. She also went to a primary school to tell Indonesian stories. She was interested in environmental studies, met Emil Salim, and was supported by ITS and the department to do independent research. Was on the British Council executive team collaborating with ten Indonesian universities. The British Council supported her Surabaya language centre for needy children and in 1997 she got a scholarship to Plymouth University to study teaching English for science and technology.	Living in Sydney; Indonesian community in Sydney; research collaboration; international networks; further scholarship opportunities
[01:06:01]	[Looking at Lubna's autobiography.] Was often interviewed by newspapers and on television, especially after the biography was published. She had two people helping her raise the children. It was easy to employ people from the village then but now it's hard and expensive. She always did her own cooking so it could be healthy. She learned from books, even though her mother was a good cook Lubna wasn't interested then.	Leadership; family; career
[01:11:35]	[Comments about Lombok and IKIP Mataram.]	
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