

TENNIS PLAYER VISIT TO JENGGALA CERAMICS

Bali, September 12, 2005... This afternoon (12/9) Janet Lee, Wynne Prakusya, Maria Vento-Kabchi, and Kim Kilsdonk visited Jenggala Ceramics located on Jalan Uluwatu II, Jimbaran Bali. These four ladies were welcomed by Ida Mahrita (Public Relations) and John Adsit (Sales & Marketing Manager) and escorted them around the retail shops at the left wing of Jenggala Building to view several unique and interesting ceramic and glass products.

These tennis players admired the products such as glasses, plates, pots, accessories, and cutleries. John explained that most of the Jenggala ceramic products are used by renowned hotels in Asia, especially Japan. The high quality products have many colorful design and colors. Jenggala Ceramics have been on production since 1976. previously located in Sanur, it moved to Jimbaran since 1999.

From the retail shop, the group was then escorted to the ceramic workshop located next to the café. On the table, brushes, paint, sponge, and a bowl of water was prepared for washing the brushes. The tennis players then signed a ceramic plate illustrating a tennis racquet and ball using a brush and paint. Then, tennis players were escorted around the 11,000 m2 production area (factory), to view the ceramic production process.

At the production, Wynne and Kim tried to make ceramics from gray imported clay. A handicraft assisted Kim and Wynne to turn the wheel (to move the ceramic maker machine) and show the process of forming the clay and pouring water so the clay can be easily molded. "Looks easy to do. Or is it because seeing him (the clay maker) doing it, so it seems easily done?" says Kim, which successfully molded a bowl, while Wynne completed a small vase. "I feel like a genuine artists! Hahaha! I am so happy to be here," says Kim.

Next, Wynne, Janet and Kim painted on white ceramics plates (Maria did not attend since she had training). Wynne wrote 'Happy Birthday'. She also made a special gift for her mother, celebrating her birthday on September 30. Janet also wrote 'Megan' and made a fish drawing. That plate will be presented to Janet, her six year old niece. Meanwhile Kim painted a flower. It seems that these four tennis players have a hidden talent as ceramic artist.

Editor's Notes :

Since its debut in 1994, the Wismilak International, part of the worldwide Sony Ericsson WTA Tour, has been held in Surabaya, Kuala Lumpur, and now Bali. Initially the event was named the "Wismilak Open", before changing it's name to the "Wismilak International" in 1996 as a reflection of the organiser's corporate expansion into the international market. The Wismilak International is still the largest tournament in the WTA's calendar in South East Asia. For more information please visit www.wismilakinternational.com

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