

WILLIAM HAROLD CLOUGH AO,OBE, FTS

Dr. Harold Clough has played a leading role in establishing the modern Australia-Asia relationship especially the relationship between Australia and Indonesia.

Born in Western Australia in 1926 Dr. Clough made his first trip overseas in 1951 when as a recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship he attended the University of California, Berkeley. It was there living in International House with fellow students from around the world including many from Asia that Mr. Clough's first interest and friendships with Asia were born.

Returning to Perth in 1954 with his Perth born wife Margaret Dr. Clough joined the building group JO Clough and Son, which was founded by his father on his return from the Great War in 1919. This company, later named Clough Ltd, grew to become a multidisciplinary engineering and construction organization. Many of the group's successes were achieved in remote and challenging locations where adverse conditions and lack of infra structure have demanded special ingenuity. As a result of this background the group consistently developed exciting new strategies and confidently entered new and difficult markets. Dr Clough through his vision and foresight has been instrumental in the ability to see new opportunities and pre-empt economic trends.

In the sixties Dr Clough began exploring potential ventures in Asia. He stood out in his early enthusiasm for the strengthening of the relationship between Indonesia and Australia and understanding the great benefits this would bring to both countries.

After being involved in projects across Asia, in 1984 a more permanent association was formed when Clough purchased the Petrosea Group of Companies-which had traditionally operated as a service organization to the oil, gas and mining industries of SE Asia. This opened up a range of opportunities for the development of the Company's

skills in a new area. Operations extended throughout S.E.Asia- Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Hong Kong.

Petrosea was the first publicly listed engineering and construction company in Indonesia following its successful float on the Jakarta and Surabaya stock exchanges in 1990.A highlight for the Company and an example of its influence was the milestone Pagerungan Gas Field Development in 1993.

Today Petrosea is a major multidisciplinary engineering, construction and mining organization delivering world class services to the oil and gas, mining and infrastructure industries throughout the Indonesian Archipelago.

Over the last 30 years with his characteristic optimism and enthusiasm for the Asia-Australia relationship Dr. Clough has instigated the development of projects and operating bases in Indonesia, New Guinea, Thailand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Pakistan, India and China.

Dr. Clough has always been passionate in his optimism and confidence in the Indonesian people and through a Clough scholarship system he has encouraged and nurtured young engineers from throughout the Asia region. The Clough Scholarship Scheme, established in 1972, was expanded from Australia into Indonesia in 1987. There is a successful Indonesian scholarship program associated with the Institute of Technology Bandung and other new programs have been implemented since 1995 with a range of institutions.

Dr Clough's business life had been characterised by adventure and enterprise. Dr. Clough has been enthusiastically involved deep in the mountainous jungles of far flung parts of Indonesia where work has been carried out in tree house offices, in desert regions within sight of the ancient Silk Route in Pakistan, in rigs and barges off the coasts of Indonesia and China and in teeming down town Bangkok. He has been caught

in the crossfire of troops in Jakarta in 1975 and witnessed the pride of Indonesian parents at scholarship award ceremonies for their children.

Dr Clough is currently a member of the Board of the Australian Government's Australia Indonesia Institute, the Asia Society, Austral Asia Centre, the Australian Malaysia Cultural Foundation Incorporated, is Patron of the Korean Chamber of Commerce in Western Australia and is vice president of the Victor Chang Foundation Limited. He has previously been Chairman of the Western Australian Trade Advisory Council, and a member of the Trade Policy Advisory Council and White Paper Advisory Panel on Foreign Trade and policy to the Australian Government.

Dr. Clough has an outstanding record of achievement in improving the Australia-Asia relationship and is an inspirational example to all Australians.