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(4/12/2010) With fundamental changes promised in the property laws that may open the doors to foreign ownership of land in Bali and the rest of Indonesia, we call on Bali's hard working governor to declare a "moratorium" – calling a "Time Out" on any changes in property ownership laws in Bali until the matter can be thoroughly and carefully considered by Bali's indigenous citizens.

One Sanur-based expatriate property developer, boasts via a website, seminars, newsletters and weekly radio show that Bali will become "the next Hawaii" with demand increasing by 500% to 1,000% once the law is changed. Such boasts ignore the irrevocable destruction and displacement inflicted on Hawaii's traditional culture by past real-estate booms. It is as though these greedy magnates have forgotten the charm of deeply held traditions that first persuaded them to move to Bali.

As underlined on numerous occasions, we are deeply concerned that Bali's subak and banjar-based societies will prove unable to withstand the full-on assault of cash-rich non-Balinese, both Indonesian and foreign, eager to stake a claim on their own personal piece of paradise.

Lured by quick money with little mind to the long-term consequence, the Balinese are proving to be abysmal stewards of their precious birthright, an island whose charms and natural beauty are quickly losing their luster.



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EARTH DAY PROGRAM



Bali Archineers CEO Mr. Sigi join the Earth Day 2010 Program in Kubu/ Karangasem together with the Bupati Karangasem Mr. Wayan Geretek and Mr. Brand, Siddhartha Dive Resort & SPA

Over 1.000 trees was planted this day in Kubu for a better future.

