

The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision
-Helen Keller-

Through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, PT Bank Mandiri (Persero) Tbk. ('Bank Mandiri') supported in developing the talents of persons with visual impairments to be able to work in all aspects of their lives. "We hope through this program, the blind people may be better able to develop themselves and have a passion to continue working. We must help them by giving information and knowledge they need," said Mr. Royke Tumilaar, Director of Treasury, Financial Institution and Special Asset Management of Bank Mandiri.



The assertion was made by Mr. Royke Tumilaar after the launch of the *Mandiri Peduli: Books for the Blind*, held by Bank Mandiri and Kick Andy Foundation in Jakarta Theatre Building on Saturday (01/15/2012). According to Mr. Royke, Kick Andy Foundation has a good commitment to help the visually impaired and he believed Bank Mandiri CSR program can be channeled properly to people with visual impairments.

In the Treasury Group Meeting event which was attended by 250 Treasury officials of Bank Mandiri throughout Indonesia, Bank Mandiri provided assistance worth 500 Million Rupiah as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by Mr. Royke Tumilaar and Mr. Andy F. Noya as the Chairman of Kick Andy Foundation. In his statement, Andy F Noya explained that his foundation had participated in helping the



lives of the visually impaired, eliminating the stigma in the professional environment that tend to find the visually impaired people as the minor ones.

Mandiri Peduli: Books for the Blind is an effort to improve the knowledge and skills of blind people, by providing them Braille books and audio books in institutions such as schools for disabled children (*Sekolah Luar Biasa/SLB*) and Blind Social Development Institution (*Badan Rehabilitasi Sosial/Panti Sosial Bina Netra*) that need. The learning equipments are expected to support their learning process so they can acquire an optimum performance and enjoy equal rights in education. In the end, they can see the world in a more colorful way. With education and through books that they read, they can see the world differently.