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Originally from Indonesia, Dr. Adhikarya since 1972 has undertaken professional assignments & official missions in 50 countries, and travelled to a total of 98 countries. He has written 8 books (two are also available in electronic/CD-ROM version) on communication, extension, training and education subjects published in Germany, Italy, England, USA, Singapore and Malaysia as well as numerous book-chapters, journal articles, and consulting reports.

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