

A Memo to Usm Wan Obi - re: the former Condome
From LCK, Suriana Gardens
22nd January 2009

Firstly, Greetings for 2009, and may our paths cross again - more meaningfully.
Read with amazement your Intellectual recordings/blogs
Especially about the CONDOME
And the efforts of the students and Suhairi and your progeny

The parts of the 6 frequency Condome were duly received at Suriana Gardens
And placed under Suhairi
Who promised to erect it by the end of November ... December (2008)
Before which he defected and returned to the Architectural(?) bosoms of USM

The parts were more or less laid out for assembly... and left as such
Assigned then to my driver, two gardeners and three Temiar tribesmen
With guess-who as chief Mandor, checker of parts and cracker-of-whip

Many struts were bent, and several mixed in supposed lengths
E.g. 'T's became 'F's, some struts missing, some superfluous
Remedied/repainted (green) by driver Noh, gardener Hanyudi
Erection proceeded c. 8th January led by gardener Surani, aided by steelworker Hooi

Suhairi made innovative modifications to the hubs, and flattened the ends of the struts
Allowing for greater flexibility and probable loss of continuity strength
Connecting the struts with toy screws which will test our faith sooner or later

Mandor will instruct the welding of crucial points and use of tensioning cables

On the 14th of January 2009 the structure was up ready for adjustments at the base
Five sections were earlier assembled on the ground and hoisted to join
By gardeners, driver, Temiars and Hooi - with the aid of the helpful Medang(?) tree,
Upper struts were screwed at hubs with the help of scaffoldings
borrowed from Bellevue

Total costs will one day be known, with additions for welding, netting, gates + bonuses

Let us forget the Condome (and take the pricks out of it! - *cancel for sensitive readers*)

It is now the 'Grown Dome'* - the Visitor Centre at Suriana Gardens, as agreed
Although the dome may have groaned in the process, it will become a conservatory
With plants festooning and providing shade, fraternal with the other existing 3
frequency dome at Suriana housing rare and endangered plants. [*as per Bucky]

We shall welcome you and the missing USM Dymaxionites and Suhairi some day



The 'Grown Domes' at Suriana Gardens January 2009