

Brett Money Races Around Asia

One afternoon last November, JIS teachers received an email from Steve Money, Director of Admissions and Community Affairs, saying that a JIS alum was to feature in the television series *The Amazing Race Asia 2*. Steve coyly did not mention the alum's name, yet as it turns out it was Steve's son, Brett ('99), and Brett's girlfriend Kinaryosih who were representing Indonesia on the show that takes participants all over Asia and beyond in a race against time. Many of Brett's former teachers and fellow alums tuned in to watch him and Kinaryosih tackle the many obstacles and twists of fate *The Amazing Race Asia* provides.

"I have had an interest in *The Amazing Race* since the first season started in the USA six years ago," says Brett. "I remember I was in college and I watched the pilot and got hooked. The concept is great — race around the world in teams and the last team to arrive at a 'pit stop' is eliminated until there is only one team left. The prize money of a million dollars isn't too bad either. Who would have thought six years later I would be doing the race myself?"

"We got a call from a friend saying that AXN was still looking for a team to represent Indonesia. We filled out some forms, made a three-minute video, and then did a day of interviews and

psychological tests. A week later we got a phone call to pack our bags and before we knew it we were at the 'prep' city locked up in a hotel. Kinar and I are pretty active so we didn't really do anything out of the ordinary to prepare for the race. We hit the gym a lot, watched a lot of old *The Amazing Race* episodes and played around on Google Earth. You can be the fittest, smartest, and most well traveled team, but it really comes down to luck. My dad gave me some great advice, three simple rules: Be good to each other; stay calm, and have fun."

The rush of publicity before the show may not have been anything unusual for Kinaryosih as she is a rising film star in Indonesia. However, it must have been a bit amusing for Brett to read in the AXN press



Posing for some publicity shots, Brett and Kinaryosih before the race began.

release that, "Good looking does not even scratch the surface when it comes to describing the glamorous Brett and Kinaryosih!"



The race is on when Kinaryosih opens their first envelope that tells them to catch a special taxi to their next destination.

Sure, her excuse is that she is a rising actress with several television shows and movies under her belt, but with him, he looks like anything but your everyday physiotherapist. First impressions aside, will this beautiful duo dazzle audiences or outshine the competition, or do both?"

The entire first season of *The Amazing Race Asia* attracted 15 million viewers across Asia and consistently ranked top in its timeslot among international cable channels in Singapore and Malaysia throughout the season. It was a huge hit with viewers and was the most-watched series of the franchise beating all past seasons of the US version in Asia.

"Roughing it on *The Amazing Race Asia2*, having to perform obstacles and putting yourself in embarrassing situations is not a regular role one would expect from a model and actress, but both Brett, 26 and Kinaryosih, 28, are putting their love for traveling above everything else," the press release gushingly continues. "After all, it was a passion for visiting new places that brought the two love birds together two years ago."

Their travel lust is their primary reason for taking part in the race — to take in new sights and experiences. "You never know where your travels might bring you," reckons Brett.

"We love to watch travel shows on TV. We always say that would be a really good job, to be paid to travel around the world."

When he is not working as a successful physiotherapist, Brett also enjoys surfing, working out and going to the movies with Kinaryosih in Jakarta, where they both live.

Unfortunately Brett and Kinaryosih were eliminated during a round in New Zealand,



Taking in the sights of Singapore on their way to getting their first assignment.

but in his parting remarks Brett mentioned his dad's advice. Those of us who know the Money family, know that advice from Steve will last longer than a disappointment ever will.

For more info on Brett in The Amazing Race2 check out <http://amazing-race-asia.axn-asia.com/> where you can read fan comments such as "Brett is a real supportive of Kinar. I must say Kinar found a gem and quite good looking too. Who needs the USD100,000 if she can have Brett."