The Rickshaw Fare

Symbiosis International has developed **The Rickshaw Fare** sponsorship program for riders participating in the Great Aussie Rickshaw Ride. The program is administered separately to the Great Aussie Rickshaw Ride and participation is encouraged, but optional.

The Rickshaw Fare provides a great way to further support the work of Symbiosis in Bangladesh, through raising much-needed funds. Specifically, money raised will be used for the development of the new Symbiosis training centre. This centre will help equip poor Bangladeshis with vital vocational skills in areas such as sewing, computing, aquaculture and hairdressing. The centre is already under construction, but significant funding is still required to ensure that it can be completed.

The Rickshaw Fare works as follows:

1. Pairs of people register to become rickshaw 'wallahs' (riders) and do a stint in the Great Aussie Rickshaw Ride.

   (If you have not yet registered, please visit **www.aussierickshaw.org** and go to the itinerary section. Choose a location and date, team up with a partner and fill in the online form. We'll get back to you to confirm your registration. Only registered riders will be able to ride).

2. Together with your partner, go about collecting sponsorship pledges from your friends, family, workmates etc – basically anyone who is willing to part with some cash for a good cause. The idea is to encourage people to give the most extravagant 'fare' to you, the rickshaw wallahs. (For more info about Symbiosis, please visit www.symbiosis-int.org). **Print out the attached form and use it to collect names, contact details and pledges**.

3. Complete your stint in the Great Aussie Rickshaw Ride with your partner. These will generally be about 10km in length, but won't be measured precisely. Sponsorship is based on participation, regardless of the exact distance.

4. After your ride, collect the donations from your sponsors. Unfortunately, Symbiosis is unable to provide tax-deductibility at this stage. When all monies have been collected, make one payment to Symbiosis via cheque or EFT. You'll also need to fax or post your sponsorship forms. You are allowed to continue to collect sponsorship even after your ride, up to the conclusion of the Great Aussie Rickshaw Ride on 19 Sep 2010.

5. <u>All monies must be received by Symbiosis by 31 Oct 2010</u>**.** Prizes will be given for riders achieving significant goals (fundraising and distance). The prizes will consist of hand-made items from Symbiosis Bangladesh as well as Lonely Planet books. Prizes will be given at the discretion of the Directors of Symbiosis International. For more information about **The Rickshaw Fare**, please cont**act Graeme Johnson:**

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The Rickshaw Fare – Sponsorship for Riders in the Great Aussie Rickshaw Ride	
Rider 1 name:	Rider 2 name:
Riding location:	Date riding:
Rider 1 email:	Rider 1 phone:
Rider 2 email:	Rider 2 phone:

Sponsor's Name	Phone (inc. area code)	Email	Pledge	Date Paid

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