CREMATION CEREMONI OF
ANAK AGUNG NIANG AGUNG
UBUD ROYAL PALACE

2 MARCH 2018

On Friday the 2nd of March 2018, will be held the Pelebon ceremony of Anak Agung Niang Agung of Puri Agung Ubud. She is the wife of Tjokorda Gde Agung Sukawati (1910-1978), penglingsir (head of royal family) of Puri Agung Ubud since 1931 until 1978 and widely known as “the King of Ubud”.

Anak Agung Niang Agung is the mother of Tjoek Istri Sri Atun and she is the step mother of Tjokorda Gde Putra Sukawati (Tjok Putra), Tjokorda Gde Oka AA Sukawati (Tjok Ace) and Tjokorda Gde Raka Sukawati (Tjok De).

Anak Agung Niang Agung was born in Ubud Royal Palace in the year of 1922. She is a daughter of Ida Tjokorda Gde Ngurah. After the marriage Anak Agung Niang Agung then lived in Puri Agung Ubud and always accompanied her husband in serving the community. Tjokorda Agung was one of the most important figures in the history of Ubud. During his throne at Puri Agung Ubud, he pioneered the development of Ubud and it has made Ubud eventually became widely known as one of the art-cultural centers and a leading tourist area in Bali.

Anak Agung Niang Agung passed away at her age of 96s on Sunday 14th of January 2018 (based on the Balinese calendar, the days was Redite Wage Wuku Uye) at 4:30am.

The Pelebon ceremony or also known as a Ngaben (cremation) ceremony is one of the most famous Hindu-Balinese traditional-religious ceremonies. This ceremony is a form of respect from the families and local communities to Anak Agung Niang Agung.

Even though the ceremony is a cremation for the dead, but the atmosphere is always alive. Besides being a religious ceremony, the Pelebon ceremony also
has become one of the most famous tourist attractions in Bali.

Pelebon ceremony is a ceremony to purify and return the elements of Panca Maha Butha (five elements of the universe that form the life) in human body (Bhuana Alit, the micro-cosmos) to the universe (Bhuana Agung, the macro-cosmos). The elements of Panca Maha Butha in the human body are:

- Pertiwi (the earth, solid matters): like the flesh, bones and teeth.
- Apah (the water): like the blood, tears, saliva and mucus.
- Teja (the light): like the aura and the light of eyes.
- Bayu (the air, the wind): like breathe and energy.
- Akasa (the space): the abstract elements (the ether) in human body.

Pelebon ceremony is a Hindu-Balinese traditional-religious ceremony which had been held since centuries ago and still survived until now in the midst of changing times. In this ceremony we also can see the togetherness among the Puri Agung Ubud and the community, and among community members.

The body will depart the Puri Agung Ubud at around 12:30 pm. The body will be taken by a Bade (a cremation tower) with nine storeys and it is as high as 25 meters, accompanied by a 7.5 meters-high Lembu (a giant sarcophagus bull) and others Pelebon ceremony paraphernalia into the cremation location at the Dalem Puri Temple in Peliatan which is about 900 meters to the east of Puri Agung Ubud.

THE PROCESSIONS OF PELEBON CEREMONY OF ANAK AGUNG NIANG AGUNG UBUD ROYAL PALACE

1. Day : Wednesday / Buda Umanis Prangbakat  
   Program : Nanceb Karya / Panca Kerta  
   Date : 31 January 2018  
   Time : 10.00am

2. Day : Thursday / Wraspati Umanis Ugu  
   Program : Nyiramin, Pengaskaran  
   Date : 15 February 2018  
   Time : 3pm

3. Day : Thursday / Wraspati Kliwon Klawu  
   Program : Mededagan
Date : 1 March 2018
Time : 4pm

4. Date : Friday / Sukra Umanis Klawu
Program : Cremation Ceremony
Date : 2 March 2018
Galalah : 10am - finish