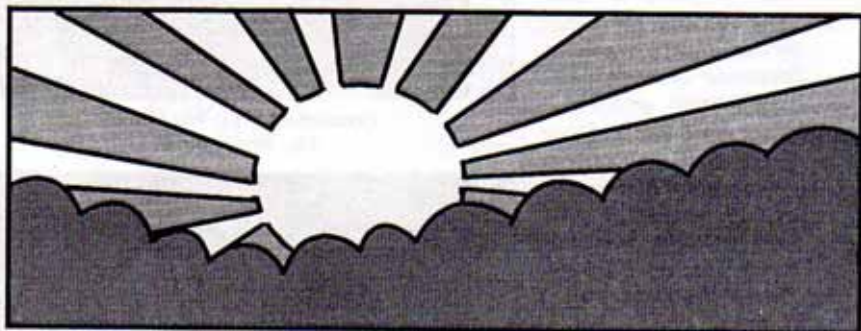

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Disabled Adults & Youth Being Rewarded, Encouraged & Accepted in Kinta

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Visit by High Commissioner to Training Centre

An equipment presentation ceremony was held on 24 March 1997 at Daybreak Training Centre in Gopeng. The High Commissioner for New Zealand, His Excellency Mr. Timothy Hannah accompanied by his wife Mary and Public Affairs Officer Cathie Muker arrived at 10.30 am. On hand to welcome them was Datin Sandra Lee, the Daybreak working committee chairman. She introduced them to the distinguished guests who included Tan Sri V. Jeyaratnam, Puan Sri Rosalind Foo, Dato' K.K. Lim, Dato' Lee Oi Hian and Mr. V. Muniandy, Deputy Director, State Social Welfare Department.

In her welcome speech, Datin Sandra Lee thanked all the guests for their presence in gracing the occasion. Since the establishment of Daybreak in 1992 a total of 210 disabled people have been registered with the association. At present, there are 25 trainees at the Gopeng Training Centre. Because of the limited space and facilities at the Centre, we plan to construct a new Persatuan Daybreak Headquarters at Pengkalan. A generous donor has given 0.4 hectare plot for this. The Association would need more donations and equipment funding to realize this goal. She thanked the New Zealand High Commission for its

generosity in providing a 'Work Station Cabinet' to the Centre.

His Excellency Mr. Timothy Hannah in his speech said the gift was through its Head of Mission Fund. He said the criteria for disbursing grants was focussed on women's development and disadvantaged sectors of the population in countries with New Zealand missions.



Presentation by His Excellency Mr. Timothy Hannah

He then officially presented the 'Work Station Cabinet'. The Centre had received it in November 1996. This unit on wheels provides 11 remedial exercise activities to help to improve the hand and upper limb functions of trainees before they commence skills training.



Chee Keong and Sitha using the new equipment

The guests were then invited to a demonstration by the trainees. Two disabled have benefitted greatly from regular use of the new equipment while training in the last 4 months. Sitha, 28, disabled after a motor accident, has shown improvement in her hand function and is now able to walk comfortably using a walking stick. Chee Chee Keong, 32, a quadriplegic has now better upper limb movement through remedial exercises activities. The guests were very impressed by the different activities organised for the trainees as well as the display of the various finished products made by the disabled.



Office Bearers of Persatuan Daybreak (1997-1998)

Daybreak Centre was launched in 1992 by a church social concerns group. Its registration was approved by the Registrar of Societies on



Fishing Bottles



Swee Chin discarded her walking frame

The trainees were very sporting and participated cheerfully in all the games.

Then we had lunch as all of us were very hungry. There was plenty of fried chicken which had been donated by Kentucky. We also shared freely food brought by the different families. There were lots of goodies that were more than enough for all of us.

Tze Wai who has Down Syndrome could not resist the sea and was first for the splash and he invited the others into the water. Others soon followed him though some were hesitant at first. Swee Chin surprised us when she suddenly discarded her walking frame and crawled into the sea. Some found out

for themselves that sea water is really salty. The weather then changed to a fine afternoon and we had a good time at the beach.

Soon it was 4 p.m. We packed up and gathered everyone in the group as it was time to return. Many were reluctant to leave the seaside and they had to be coaxed into the vehicles for the long journey back to our homes. Everyone had an enjoyable picnic at the beautiful beach. The disabled as well as their parents are looking forward eagerly for the next organised outing!



Donation : We would be grateful for any amount given to us. Cheques should be crossed and payable to Persatuan Daybreak, Ipoh.

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