

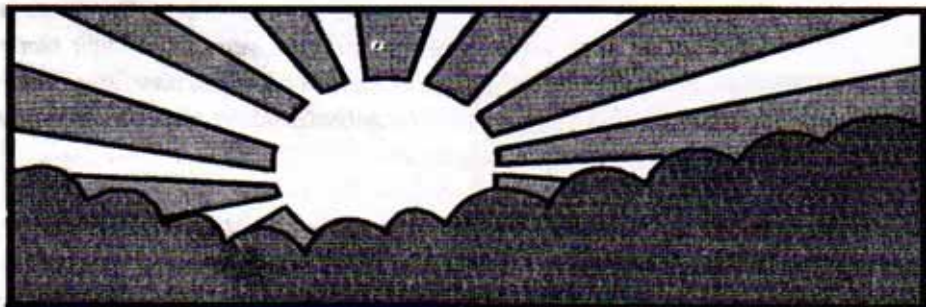
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# PERSATUAN

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# DAYBREAK

Newsletter No. 10



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

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## *Employment for Two Daybreak Trainees*

*Lee Kim Aun, aged 17, was referred last year to our Training Centre in Gopeng by the Paediatric Clinic, General Hospital, Ipoh. He was a slow learner and had dropped out of school when he was in lower secondary school. He went through our training programme and showed improvement in his work. He learnt good coordination and manipulation of tools besides gaining good work endurance to finish his various tasks well. He also interacted well with his co-workers. When he showed progress and was able to work independently he was first placed for work exposure in our Daybreak outlet in Ipoh.*

*Liew Kok Onn, aged 16, was born with cerebral palsy. He attended a special school for handicapped for only four years. Then he was left at home in Pusing without any further education. A family friend referred Kok Onn to our Training Centre in Gopeng. Then he joined 2 other trainees from Pusing area who were already travelling in our van to the centre. He had some difficulty at the beginning in learning work skills because of his involuntary movements. He improved gradually and showed ability in learning new tasks. He also attained good work performance and was ready for employment.*

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Both these trainees were employed in July 1997 in Seal Polymer Industries Sdn. Bhd. at Bukit Merah, Lahat. They were employed as Quality Check Operators. This factory produces latex examination gloves in three different sizes, which are packed into boxes containing 100 gloves each and exported overseas. Kim Aun and Kok Onn have successfully completed their probation period of three months at the factory and have been confirmed in their employment. Both of them are in the work shift from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The factory provides transportation both ways in buses for employees from their home to the factory in Lahat. The factory supervisor, Ms Caroline, has found their work in quality checking and packing very satisfactory besides she also said they get along well with their colleagues.

The photo shows Kim Aun and Kok Onn with some co-workers outside their factory on 24 March 1998. En. Kadir, a Daybreak staff, was also present in this snapshot as he was on a follow up visit to the factory to ensure success in their job placement. Persatuan Daybreak hopes to provide its trainees an opportunity to be gainfully employed for themselves. We are continuously looking out for generous employers who could provide handicapped people with suitable jobs.



*Kim Aun & Kok Onn with colleagues*



*Trainee using a Work Station equipment*

## *A Visit by Canadian Representatives*

Ms. Brenda Melles, Fund Coordinator, Canadian Cooperation Support Office and her assistant Ms. Nicole Marques visited the Gopeng Training Centre on 19 January 1998. This Centre was established through aid received from Canada Fund for Local Initiatives and was officially opened on 18 March 1995 by Canadian High Commission First Secretary (Political and Economic), Mr. Daryl Copeland.

This was the second visit by the Canadian representatives since the Training Centre was set up. The Visitors were shown round the training activities by our occupational therapist, Mr. Patrick Lan, and manager, Mrs. Foo Sau Yin.

They were particularly interested in the use of the Work Station for different exercises and were impressed by the monitoring and records kept for each trainee. The following day, 20 January 1998, they also visited our Daybreak shop in Ipoh. They were keen to see the wide range of beautiful hand-crafts made by the disabled people. They commented favourably on the standard of craftsmanship. They wrote to Daybreak on their return to inform us that they were pleased with the results of our work at Gopeng Training Centre as well as at our shop. They are also glad to see that Canada's contribution to our organization is being used to its fullest potential.



*Our Visitors at Training Centre*



*A Work Session*



*Happy Shopping Daybreak*

## *Some Daybreak Highlights*

1. The Building Committee Meeting on 5 March 1998 accepted the building plans for our new buildings to accommodate administration, training, production and shop in one locality at Pengkalan, Lahat. The proposed plans of Persatuan Daybreak will be forwarded for the necessary approval to the Majlis Bandaraya Ipoh.
2. We are grateful to Mr. Tan Kean Hoe and Mr. Tang Ah Lek for graciously donating a Mini Conveyor Belt equipment to our Training Centre on 18 March 1998. Their kind contribution will help to simulate an industrial environment for our trainees.
3. A Charity Sales was held at Hotel Flamingo, Sitiawan on 31 March 1998 during the Methodist Senior Fellowship retreat there. Our Daybreak Volunteers are complemented again for their service at the sales.
4. Mr. Wong Yoke Loon, our Treasurer, and three staff members helped to promote our products at the American Association of Malaysia Spring Sales in Ampang, Kuala Lumpur on 3 April 1998. We are thankful to AAM for inviting us to participate in their annual Spring Sales.
5. Mr. Neil Rode and Miss Clarissa Chang of Malaysian Care visited our Training Centre on 6 & 7 April 1998. Our management had valuable discussions with them on "The New Training Programme" as well as "Bridging Trainees to Job Placement". We appreciate their kind visit to our Centre from Kuala Lumpur.

## *Anniversary And Birthday Gifts*

We have many beautiful presents for your loved ones ranging from smocked dresses, stuffed toys, hand painted T-shirts, quilts, pouches, cushion covers, hand-towels, vases, mugs, placemats and fridge magnets. We would be happy to gift wrap all your purchases. Besides buying well made gifts, you would be helping some disabled people and contributing to a "Caring Society".

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Donations: We would be grateful for any donation to us. Cheques should be crossed and payable to Persatuan Daybreak.

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