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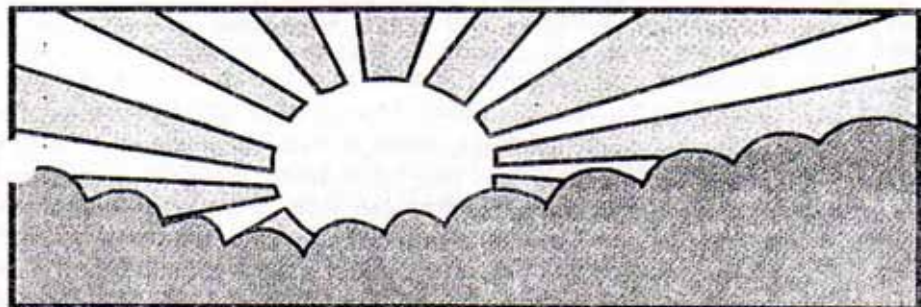
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# DAYBREAK

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

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## *A Picnic at Teluk Batik Beach*

A special treat for our trainees at Gopeng Training Centre was their picnic at Teluk Batik beach on 21 November 1998. The 22 disabled trainees were accompanied by 7 family, 5 training department staff and 2 committee members. Besides there were also 9 other Daybreak staff members from Ipoh office and outlet. Our group consisted of 45 people in all. The excursion was on a Saturday morning which was gloomy with overhanging dark clouds. Before we left Ipoh about 8.30am we had prayed for God's care and blessings for our trip. We managed to pack ourselves in four vans and a car. On our way nearing Ayer Tawar there was a heavy downpour. But this did not dampen our spirits as we looked forward for a good picnic. However, when we reached the beach at 10.15am the rain had completely stopped. We were happy at the sight of the lovely beach. Some trainees were thrilled as this was their first visit to the seaside. We quickly carried our bags, food, drinks and mats to a shady place under a huge tree.

We started with a series of 5 team games. The players were arranged into four teams - A, B, C and D. Each team had eight

participants who included trainees and staff members. The first event was "Searching for Coins in the Sand". We had much fun watching participants searching for hidden one sen coins in the sand. The winning team was the one to collect the most coins. The other events were Passing a Beachball Relay, 'Pinang' Fruit Balancing on a Spoon Relay, Banana Eating Relay and Building Sand Castles Competition. At the end of the games Teams B and C were tied with two wins each, Team D had only one and Team A was unsuccessful. Mrs. Nancy Teoh and Mr. David Thambyrajah gave out the prizes to the winners.

This was followed by lunch and most of us were very hungry by then. There was plenty of fried chicken which had been donated by KFC outlet in Lumut. We had fried mee hoon kindly given to us by Ghani Restaurant, Gopeng. There were also lots of various snacks and soft drinks provided by Ms. Lim Soon Sin, Cik Fatimah Abdullah, Mr. Hong Weng Choo and Mr. Thangaraj. All of us enjoyed more than enough goodies at the picnic. We are indeed thankful to all our generous and thoughtful donors!

The weather had changed by 1pm and it was a fine afternoon with clear blue sky. We had finished our pleasant lunch and the sea looked very inviting. Soon most of us were swimming and enjoying ourselves. Even the few reluctant ones with walking aids were helped by staff members. They also joined in the fun by wading and playing in the cool, clear water. We stopped at 3pm to change and to pack up our belongings. Some reluctant trainees had to be coaxed to leave the seaside and board the vans for the journey back to their homes. Everyone had an enjoyable picnic at the beautiful beach.



*Passing a Beachball Relay*



*Building Sand Castles*

# *Employment Development Opportunities for the Disabled*

A seminar on the above topic was organised by Persatuan Daybreak in conjunction with Malaysian Care to create awareness about the opportunities available for the disabled. These are people with physical and /or intellectual disabilities that stop them from attaining their full potential. This seminar was held on Sunday 16 August 1998 in YMCA hall, Ipoh. There were 106 people from 19 voluntary organisations as well as some parents of the handicapped. There was also an exhibition of products made by the disabled for the benefit of the participants. The exhibits were from New Horizon (Ipoh), Daybreak (Ipoh), Rumah Kesayangan (Bukit Mertajam) and Malaysian Care (Kuala Lumpur).

The seminar began at 2.30pm with a Welcome Speech by Datin Sandra Lee, a Persatuan Daybreak committee member. The programme included talks by Malaysian Care facilitators who have had experience of setting up employment training centres and arranging job placement for disabled in Kuala Lumpur.

The following topics were discussed:

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| 1. Why the need for Employment Development ?      | - Ms Clarissa Chang |
| 2. Model of Services                              | - Mr. Neil Rode     |
| 3. How referrals are done                         | - Ms Betty Loh      |
| 4. Training Programme Overview                    | - Ms Su Hie Yii     |
| 5. Role of Volunteers                             | - Mr. Neil Rode     |
| 6. Role of Parents                                | - Ms Clarissa Chang |
| 7. Latest Development in Employment Opportunities | - Ms Laura Joseph   |

The seminar ended at 6.15pm after an interesting Questions and Answers session. It has increased our concern for the need of the disabled to be gainfully employed.



Facilitators and Daybreak members

## *Some Daybreak Highlights*

1. Daybreak held a Charity Sales at Pantai Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur on 17 and 18 August '98. There was good sales of our products to the staff, patients and public for 2 days.
2. In conjunction with the visit of Col. Saunders to KFC Jaya Jusco, Kinta City on 28 August '98 Persatuan Daybreak received a generous donation from KFC. Our trainees and staff were also entertained with snacks and drinks.
3. A Charity Sales was held on 27 September '98 from 8.00am to 1.00pm at Wesley Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur. There was good sales to members attending the Sunday services.
4. Our Sixth Anniversary Celebrations was held on Sunday 18 October '98. CGMC Ipoh. A few entertaining dances were performed by Daybreak trainees and a testimony was given by a former trainee. There was also sales of our products.
5. There was a Cheque Presentation Ceremony at Garsem (S), Taman Meru, Ipoh in conjunction with its Charity Chest. DYMM Paduka Seri Sultan Perak Darul Ridzuan officiated at the function. Persatuan Daybreak was one of the recipients.
6. Ten trainees participated in the Disabled Sports organised by the Kinta Welfare Department on 25 October '98 at Perak Stadium.
7. A Friendly Football Game was arranged between Sekolah Semangat Maju and Daybreak Training Centre at 9am on 18 November '98 at Sekolah Yuk Choy field, Ipoh. Although our boys lost the match, they took it sportingly and enjoyed the outing.

*Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year*

We have many beautiful gifts for  
your loved ones!



*Happy Shopping at Daybreak*

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

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