

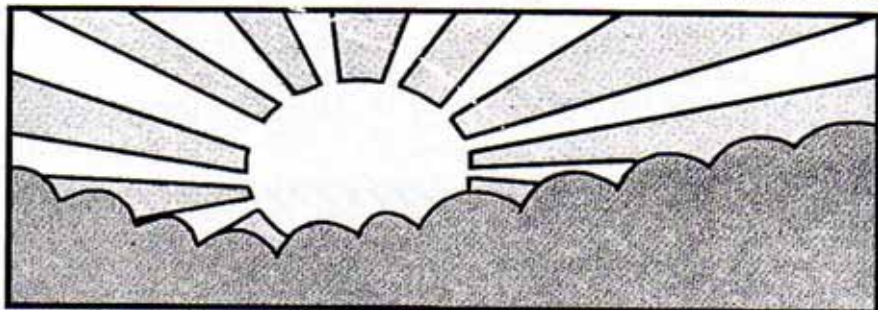
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# PERSATUAN DAYBREAK

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

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## *The Third Annual General Meeting*

The Third Annual General Meeting of Persatuan Daybreak was held at 8 p.m. on Sunday 13 June 1999 in the Conference Room of the Canning Garden Methodist Church, Ipoh. There were twenty-eight members present at the meeting.

Dato' Lee Oi Hian, the Chairman, thanked all the members for their loyal support given to Persatuan Daybreak. He thanked the donors for their generous financial assistance and the Management Committee for their untiring services in planning and implementing the various programmes during the past year. He expressed his sincere appreciation to the volunteers for all their kind services that they provided in helping the trainees. He also thanked the members of Canning Garden Methodist Church and St. Peter's Church for their dedicated service and commitment in ministering to the trainees at the Gopeng Training Centre.

Dato' Lee Oi Hian announced that he would not be seeking reelection but pledged that he would continue to help and support Persatuan Daybreak. The following were those elected or appointed as office bearers for a period of two years - 1999 and 2000.

CHAIRMAN	:	Mr. Siu Tack Chuan
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON	:	Datin Sandra Lee
HON. SECRETARY	:	Mrs. Julie Liew
HON. TREASURER	:	Miss Low Chin Lan
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	:	Dato' Percy Muttiah
		Mrs. Ellen Yoong
		Mr. Ong Tit Hin
		Mr. David Thambyrajah
APPOINTED COMMITTEE :		Mrs. Nancy Teoh
MEMBERS		Dr. Su Too Kiat
HONORARY AUDITORS :		Mr. Chew Pete Cheung
		Mr. Adrian Teen



### *Profile Of Two Employees*

1. CHEONG AH NOOI was one of the earliest trainees of Daybreak Centre in 1992- the year it was launched. The name of the Centre was changed after its registration to Persatuan Daybreak on 4 November 1996. Ah Nooi became a paraplegic and she was paralysed waist down after an accident. This was the result of an injury she sustained from a fall from a mango tree. She was then hospitalised for many weeks before returning to her home in Gopeng.

Ah Nooi spent several lonely years idling away at home. She had only few friends to visit her and she seldom went out. She was referred to Daybreak Centre in 1992 by Yayasan Sultan Idris Shah. She was instructed in needlework at the Centre. She demonstrated her capability and creativity in smocking. Ah Nooi was donated a wheelchair and this helped her to move about easily. There was a major change in her lifestyle. She found many friends and she showed keenness in her work. Later she was placed in the Daybreak home-based programme. This enabled her to work from home. She works diligently and efficiently and produces several pieces of smocking each week. She earns a good income and finds it more comfortable working at home.



*Encik Omar Bin Haji Ariffin, Director of State Social Welfare, presenting the motorcycle to Cheong.*

Last year she learnt to ride a motorcycle for the disabled. She passed the official driving test on her first attempt. Ah Nooi received a modified motorcycle from Yayasan Kebajikan Negara on 17 April 1999. She is indeed very happy now that she is able to move around independently on her new motorcycle. She would like to thank the staff in Persatuan Daybreak who encouraged her to learn to ride a motorcycle as well as to apply for a donation from the National Welfare Foundation.

2. **DAZURA BT. NGAH AHMAD** stayed at home and did not attend any school because she suffered from muscular dystrophy. This case was referred to Persatuan Daybreak on 15 April 1997. Our training department staff held a discussion with Dazura and her parents. Then an initial assessment of her was made by our occupational therapist, Mr. Patrick Lan. Training plan was formulated based on Dazura's physical and mental abilities and interests. She showed keenness to learn needlework and she was able to interact freely with other trainees.

She started her training programme at the Gopeng Training Centre on 21 April 1997. She was given skill training in needlework. After completing her training at the centre she has been employed for needlework.



*Dazura enjoys quilting*

She participates at the social

functions organised by the centre like picnics, sporting activities and Family Day. Our staff also make regular home visits to advise her and help her adapt and overcome any difficulty encountered by her in mobility due to her progressive illness. A suitable light wheelchair has been kindly donated to her by the Hailey David Association. She has been taught to handle the wheelchair skillfully. She has now settled happily as a home based worker of Persatuan Daybreak and she is paid piece rate for her service.



## *Talented Singer Entertains Our Trainees*

A popular gospel singer, Mr. Garth Hewitt, and his charming wife from United Kingdom visited the Gopeng Training Centre on Monday 5 July 1999. The visitors were accompanied by Mr. Neil Rhode of Malaysian Care. They arrived about 2.30pm and stayed there for about an hour. The visitors were received on arrival by the programme co-ordinator who guided them around the training centre. They showed keen interest in the various work done by the trainees. Mr. Garth Hewitt graciously obliged and gave an impromptu concert at the request of our senior administrator, Mr. Martin Sebastian. The gifted guitarist kept the audience well entertained for half an hour with his lively songs and good music. The delighted trainees clapped hands to the music and had an enjoyable afternoon.



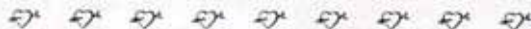
*Visitors at the Training Centre*



*Trainees clapping hands to music*

## *Gifts For All Occasions*

We have a variety of items for sale at our outlet in Ipoh. Smocked dresses, stuffed toys, quilts, vases, mugs and T-shirts are some of them. Besides buying beautiful gifts that are well made you would also be helping some disabled people.



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



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