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abled Adults & Young Being Rewarded, Encouraged & Accepted in Kinta

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**We are 10 years old and.....still
GROWING!**

Time flies. This year Persatuan Daybreak celebrates its 10th Birthday, but it feels as if it was only yesterday that we were born! From humble beginnings, from a hut on loan in Gopeng and a shophouse in Ipoh, its now a full year that we have moved to a new premise in Pengkalan.

Through the tireless dedication and hard work by the Committee Members and staff and through God's grace, we are now expanding further by an extension of the building.

This is due to a pressing need for creating a sheltered workshop, providing avenues for higher training and heading towards an income generating environment.



This extension has been made possible through donations and financial help by various companies and individuals. Persatuan Daybreak thanks all who have helped in this area.

"Isn't it great, I now have a new roof over my head?"

Extension

Main Building

At present Daybreak is involved in packing socks for sale. With the building extension, a socks manufacturing "factory" comprising c. six knitting machines, an overedge seamer, a heater and a stacker will provide a training ground for different levels to the disabled in this field. In this area of funding, the committee has sent comprehensive project papers to donors and charity foundations for assistance. We hope this plant will function by August 2002.

Through God's guidance and blessings, and generous donations from friends we have advanced this far. We pray for this continued blessings further to achieve our primary aim to help the disabled to lead a normal life that we are blessed with.

God Bless You All.

Taiko Plantation Staff Visit Daybreak

More than 150 staff members of Taiko Plantation visited Daybreak on Saturday, 9th March 2002. Datin Sandra Lee, the Executive Chairperson of Persatuan Daybreak welcomed the visitors in her opening address at 10am in the Conference Room. This was followed by an introduction of the Committee Members. Then Mrs. Ellen Yoong gave an overview of Daybreak from its foundation in 1992 to the present. It originally occupied a rented shop at 64, Jalan Bandar Timah, Ipoh. Because of an increase in the number of trainees and limited space in the shop, the Training Department had to shift to a temporary premises in Gopeng in March 1995. However all our departments have moved into our new Daybreak complex at Pengkalan Pegoh since December 2000. We have now a large well equipped Training Department with better facilities to cater for more disabled trainees. Cik Haslinda, one of our earliest trainees, then gave her testimony. Later Mr. Jeffrey Tan on behalf of the visitors presented a gift hamper to her.

*Ms. Ellen
Yoong
explains
activity*



The visitors were then guided around the building. The Showroom had displayed various handicraft items made by disabled people for sale. At the Production Section, they saw trainees skillfully working on needlework and handicraft. They showed keen interest in the different categories of jobs carried out by 40 trainees in the Workshops. Later, they were briefed on the extension work that was going on at the back of the building. A section of the extension would be leased out to New Horizon for its Early Intervention Programme. The objective is to encourage young intellectually disabled children to receive suitable training from an early age and then to continue their vocational training in Daybreak. A small factory for socks manufacturing would occupy another section of their extension. Some trainees would be taught by an instructor to operate the machines in this new project. The white socks produced at Daybreak will then be packed, labelled and sold to school pupils.

*Checking
and packing
gloves*



We appreciate this visit by staff of Taiko Plantation and are grateful to them for purchasing many different items from our showroom.

Some Daybreak Highlights

24 January 2002

Member of Parliament, Ipoh Timur, YB Thong Fah Chong and his wife Mrs. Rosalina Ooi visited Daybreak. They donated a cheque for RM 5, 000.00 to Persatuan Daybreak.

26 January 2002

A Chinese New Year party for the disabled and orphans was organised by the Malaysian Pools. Our trainees who attended this function also received angpows.

17 March 2002

Ms. Tan Soo Li, a staff member, was presented with the Pride of Workmanship Award at the Ipoh Parade. This competition was organised by the Rotary Club of Ipoh.

24 March 2002

Three of our trainees - Lee Vai Kit, Grace Ti and Sarojini, won prizes at the Hong Leong Foundation Charity Run. Daybreak also put up an exhibition and sales booth at Dataran DBI, Ipoh.

18 April 2002

Eight Committee Members of Jovinas Trust travelled from Kuala Lumpur to visit Daybreak. The leader was Mrs. Wei Sinclair Ngo. We are grateful for their concern and generous support for Daybreak.

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Donations:

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