



# PERSATUAN DAYBREAK

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

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## *Graduation Day at Daybreak*

The Graduation Ceremony at Daybreak was held at 9.30 a.m. Saturday 15 May 2004. The gathering included the invited guests, trainees and their family members. The 13 trainees, who were to receive their certificates, were excited and happy. They were smartly dressed and sat with their parents for this special occasion.

The event was launched by Mrs. Julie Liew, Secretary of Persatuan Daybreak, who gave a short speech and thanked our guests for their presence. This was followed by a report by our Occupational Therapist, Mr. Samraj Johnson, on the training provided at Daybreak.



Mrs Julie Liew  
presents  
Certificate to  
Au Mun Chun

Ms. Barathy Devi, the Centre Based Rehabilitation Officer, gave an account on the placement of the 13 new graduates at several factories according to their abilities. This was followed by a short discussion on Support Group Activities with some family members participating. Three parents of trainees gave their testimonies. They highlighted issues concerning their respective child's rehabilitation programme and how problems were overcome with the help and support they received at the centre. They gave moral support to the other parents of the trainees.

Thirteen graduates received their certificates at the ceremony. These were presented by the Management Committee members as well as the employers of Summit Imaging Technology, Delta Printing and Nova Lightning Sdn. Bhd. We are grateful to these generous employers for accepting our graduates and providing them suitable

jobs at their factories. The function ended with a tea party for our guests, staff and trainees. Our new graduates were given the honour of cutting the cake at the reception. They were happy and proud to be referred to as graduates of Persatuan Daybreak.



## *Reports On Two Trainees*

**Ng Wai Kit**

Ng Wai Kit, 17 years old, joined Persatuan Daybreak on 30 May 2001. Although he was a slow learner, he followed instructions from his trainer and he worked diligently. He is good at sports and has won several medals in sports for the disabled organised by Non-Government Organisations in Perak.

Wai Kit lives with his grandparents in a Chinese Village near Gopeng. His widowed mother works as a waitress in Singapore. She is only able to visit her family occasionally when she has leave.



**Ng Wai Kit at work**

Wai Kit completed his three years training and acquired sufficient job skills required for open employment. Then he was accepted for two weeks trial training at Nova Lightning Sdn. Bhd. at Taman Rishah. The factory manufactures and assembles light tubes. Wai Kit and his grandparents visited the factory before they agreed to his placement. The factory manager was pleased with his work during the trial period and decided to employ him. However Wai Kit could not stay with his grandparents in Gopeng as it was too far from his workplace in Taman Rishah. This problem was overcome by our staff who arranged his board and lodging in Vision Home. This Home provides shelter for needy children and is situated only one kilometre from the factory. Ng Wai Kit, our new Daybreak graduate, is happy working at Nova Lightning and gets along well with his workmates. However, he never fails to visit his grandparents in Gopeng every weekend.

### Tan Yew Heng

Tan Yew Heng, 34 years old, joined Persatuan Daybreak on 10 September 2002 and was one of the graduates this year. He was placed at the sorting and packing of socks section at the centre. He was a good worker and his trainer commented on his efficiency. The staff felt that Yew Heng was ready for open employment. He was sent for two months training at Summit Imaging Technology Sdn. Bhd. at IGB industrial area in Tasek. This company manufactures correction tapes and computer ribbons. After the trial period the management offered him a job as a production operator. He is now confirmed in his employment. His supervisor comments that he is punctual, regular and does satisfactory work.

**Tan Yew Heng**  
receives training



Yew Heng lives with his mother in Bercham which is near his workplace. He goes to work in the factory bus which fetches and sends him back home. He works 5 days a week from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily and is free on weekends. He is paid RM 350-00 per month besides receiving the disabled person's allowance of RM 200-00 per month from the Social Welfare Department. He gets all the benefits provided to the company workers and contributes to EPF and SOCSO. The company has requested Daybreak Centre to provide them more workers with similar good qualities. Yew Heng has become more self-reliant and independent after he started working. Last month he and his mother went for a short holiday out-station for which he paid from his savings.



31<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Social Welfare held on  
16 – 20 August 2004 at Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

Theme: Social Progress and Social Justice

Seven staff members of Persatuan Daybreak participated in the Conference. We had an exhibition booth displaying our services and products made by our trainees. Mr. Jeffrey Yong, Manager, presented a paper on Socks Manufacturing as a source of income and rehabilitation for the disabled at the Conference Workshop session.



Exhibition Booth at PWTC

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