



# PERSATUAN DAYBREAK

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

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## *Daybreak Landscape Gallery Ceremony*



*▲ Memorable moments for everyone present*

January 2006 was a truly exceptional day for Persatuan Daybreak. We held our much awaited ceremony for the Daybreak Landscape Gallery, our plant nursery. The ceremony was attended by significant guests, including our Guest of Honour, Ybhg. Dato' Ong Ka Chuan.

Following Daybreak's Executive Chairperson Datin Seri Sandra Lee's welcome speech at 9.05 am, Ybhg. Dato' Ong Ka Chuan presented his speech, before the blessing by Reverend Ashok P. D. Amarasingham. Guests were taken for a tour of the Training Centre, which preceded the momentous tree-planting ceremony. Refreshments were served at 10.00 am during which time also the press conference took place.



◀ Tree planting

## *Equestrian Centre Excursion*

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2005, Daybreak took 53 of its trainees for their first ever excursion to the Equestrian Centre at the Perak Turf Club. What an exciting day it was, both for the trainees and the staff. Mr. Wan Sai Pun, Committee Member of Persatuan Daybreak led a team of trainees and staff. They arrived promptly at 9.00 am, and were met by the Chief Instructor Mr. James Ravindra, who introduced them to the staff and volunteers at the club.



▶ Opportunity to ride horse



▶ Feeding the horse

At 9.15 am, the thrill began: both trainees and Daybreak training staff took turns to ride the horse / ponies. It was such an adventure especially because none of the trainees had ever seen a horse in real life, let alone ride on one! It was lovely to see them unafraid of the horses, despite their lack of familiarity with these animals; they went near the horses, stroked them and even fed the horses carrots which they had bought the previous day.

Rest time was from 11.00 am to 11.30 am, after which they were taken on a pleasant half an hour round the stables. Lunch was then served, provided by both Persatuan Daybreak and some thoughtful sponsors, who donated food and snacks to our trainees.

The colouring contest which followed was an enjoyable time - they sat as a group and coloured the picture of a horse. This was followed by a question and answer session, based on what they'd observed and learned during the earlier stable exploration. Their enjoyment of the tour was evident, as they remembered the names and colours of the horses they had seen.



▲ Colouring contest

The tea break before leaving the club was a somewhat 'bitter-sweet' time. Our trainees were buzzing from the wonderful time they had experienced at the Turf Club, but also reluctant to leave the horses which they had grown so attached to in just that one day! Leaving the club certainly wasn't easy, but our trainees were thankful to have had such an enchantingly educational time at the club.

There are undoubtedly fond memories of this excursion for every one of our trainees; they have even voiced their desire to return next year for another day trip. Daybreak is thankful to have been able to offer them such an unforgettable day. We are ever grateful to the Lord for His continued blessings, and to the benevolent donors and selfless volunteers who have supported us. We hope to perhaps be able to include excursion as a yearly event for our trainees.

## *Ho Kin Wai*

38 year-old Ho Kin Wai, who joined Persatuan Daybreak in 1999 as a trainee, has come a long way since. Following his two-year vocational training, he was appointed supervisor of the cleaning department. His tasks included sweeping, mopping, dusting, wiping the glass panels - in essence, ensuring that the place was kept clean. All of these tasks he undertook diligently, while occasionally also graciously guiding trainees under his supervision.

During this time, Persatuan Daybreak gave him an allowance, and also recommended him to the Social Welfare Department for disabled persons working allowance. This gave him a helpful extra RM200.

Kin Wai's hard work paid off when a potential employer - a company which runs cleaning services around the state - visited Persatuan Daybreak and wanted to employ him in their Kampar branch. As Kin Wai was from Kampar, Persatuan Daybreak was more than happy to recommend him.

After working there for a while, he had to stop as his family had moved to Alor Star to live with his brother's family. However, Kin Wai was unable to sit idle for too long. His industrious and independent nature brought him back to Kampar, where he requested for Persatuan Daybreak to help him get another job.



▲ Kin Wai's at his work area

This we did.

After a period of job-hunting by the officer in charge of job placements, we found him a job (similar to his previous one) at New Horizon, an early intervention centre for special needs children, based in the same building as Persatuan Daybreak. His job as a helper sees him looking into the maintenance and cleanliness of the centre.

Ho Kin Wai now earns a salary of RM 500, plus attractive medical benefits and other benefits like EPF and SOCSO. He was appointed at New Horizon on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2005, and his employer has since given us positive feedback about him, confirming him with a RM 50 increment. His determination and diligence has undoubtedly helped him come a long way from being a trainee.

Persatuan Daybreak is delighted that our commitment to disabled persons like Ho Kin Wai has empowered them further. He has been a fine role model for other disabled individuals; through his example, we pray that even more doors for job opportunities will be opened to disabled persons.

Proverbs 11:25 states that "The generous prosper and are satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." We thank you for your support thus far, which has blessed our disabled brothers and sisters tremendously, and we pray God's refreshing blessings upon you day after day.

*By The Management:*

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#### *Donations:*

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