



Australia High Commissioner visits Daybreak

A Major Milestone for Daybreak

The 7th of May marked another milestone for Persatuan Daybreak when the Australian High Commissioner, Ms Penny Williams, paid our Centre in Pengkalan a visit, accompanied by her First Secretary, Mr Mark Napier. The event was made possible through the initiatives of Professor Tan Hock Lim, who is a Board Member of the Australia-Malaysia Institute (AMI).

During her visit, Ms Williams announced that the Australian High Commission had set aside RM1.5 million for people-to-people projects aimed at promoting bilateral relations between Australia and Malaysia. These projects, under the auspices of the AMI, will primarily take the form of exchange programmes in which young leaders from Malaysia and Australia will have the opportunity to participate in various areas.

Persatuan Daybreak is particularly grateful to have been identified as one of the organisations supported by the Australian High Commission.

Executive Chairperson of Persatuan Daybreak, Dato' Sandra Lee, was on hand to brief Ms Williams on the excellent partnership between Persatuan Daybreak and Phoenix Society Inc, Australia, and the outstanding support that Daybreak continues to enjoy for more than 14 years.

Ms Williams and Mr Napier were later taken on a tour of Persatuan Daybreak during which time our honourable Australian guests witnessed Daybreak trainees engaged in various vocational skills, including plant nursery activities, general cleaning, socks manufacturing and packaging, and contract assembly and packaging.



▲ Ms Anna Lim explaining the intricate handcraft work to Ms Williams



▲ Front row: Mr Styling (Phoenix), Professor Tan, Ms Williams, Dato' Sandra and Mr Napier together with Daybreak Committee Members and Volunteers

Work Experience Programme with Special Schools

In 2007, Daybreak initiated a pilot project aimed at special schools, called "Transition from integrated special education programme to supported employment". This project, which aims to help young adults in special schools cope during the critical and difficult time of their transition from school to being gainfully employed in society, is supported by the State Education Unit of Perak with financial aid from the State Welfare Department.

The entire batch of ten pupils in this programme have since successfully completed the first year of training. Entering into their second year, an "Individualised Vocational Training Plan" is used to determine individual strengths and inclinations of each one of the participants. Pupils are evaluated based on performance, capabilities, interests and even family expectations, and equipped with the necessary skills accordingly, so as to enable them to be successful in seeking gainful employment eventually.



▲ Contract Assembly & Packaging



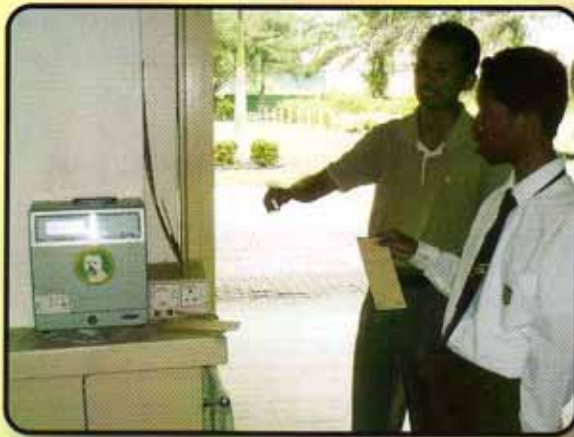
▲ General Cleaning



▲ Socks Manufacturing



▲ Plant Nursery



▲ Pupils taught to use punch card



▲ Pupils attending training session

Earlier this year, an official Work Experience Programme was implemented in several special schools as a follow up to the successful pilot project. Through regular vocational training incorporated into classroom sessions, this innovative one year programme provides pupils with the necessary job knowledge they need before they are exposed to "real work" in the outside world. Dedicated teachers under the guidance of experienced Daybreak trainers are always quick to identify methods that can be incorporated into the classroom, thus enabling more comprehensive and relevant training to more pupils.

Upon successful completion of the programme, pupils may directly participate in Daybreak's Vocational Training Programme, which not only trains and equips young people for work, but also helps them find jobs that are most appropriate for them.



▲ Work skill session in progress



▲ Pupils involved in interaction & documentation

Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad adopts School Socks Project worth RM53,000

Daybreak is delighted to announce that, as part of Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad's (KLK) sterling Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives, KLK in January this year pledged its support of our School Socks project that would benefit thousands of needy schoolchildren throughout the country.

The generous contribution towards this project amounts to RM53,000 for the year 2008.

On 30th June 2008, YM RM Alias, Chairman of Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad, distributed socks to the students of Ladang Kerilla, Kelantan and Ladang Selbourne, Pahang. These were only two of the many schools that benefitted from KLK's commendable generosity.

The first batch of socks, worth RM26,500 was delivered to KLK in May this year before the school break, while the second batch is on schedule to be delivered by November 2008.

We truly salute KLK for its noble efforts and are truly grateful for its support, which will not only go a long way towards helping needy students, but also providing employment to our trainees.

Thank you, KLK!



YM RM Alias, Chairman of KLK distributing Daybreak socks to one of the pupils.

How Can You Get Involved?

We have worked out some of the Corporate Responsibility Programmes for your easy selection:-

- Adopt 3 trainees programme at RM20,000.00 per year
- 3,340 packs of adult white socks at RM20,000.00 can be donated to nearby community or office staff of your centres
- 250 kits comprising of 2 pairs of socks, 1 water tumbler, 1 stationery bag and 1 school bag at RM20,000.00 can be donated to nearby community or office staff of your centres
- 665 packages comprising of 2 pairs of socks, 1 handwash, 3 soap bars, 1 talc and 1 paper bag at RM20,000.00 can be donated to nearby community or office staff of your centres
- My gift to Persatuan Daybreak: RM _____

*please tick (✓) in the appropriate box/es

Cheque/money order no and bank: _____

Please ensure that your cheque/money order are made out to **PERSATUAN DAYBREAK**. Please **DO NOT** enclose cash.

Dr/Mr/Mrs/Mdm : _____

Address : _____

Telephone number : _____

e-mail: _____

We look forward to your support. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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