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(THE SPASTIC CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION OF PENANG)

Penaung : T . Y . T . Yang Di Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang

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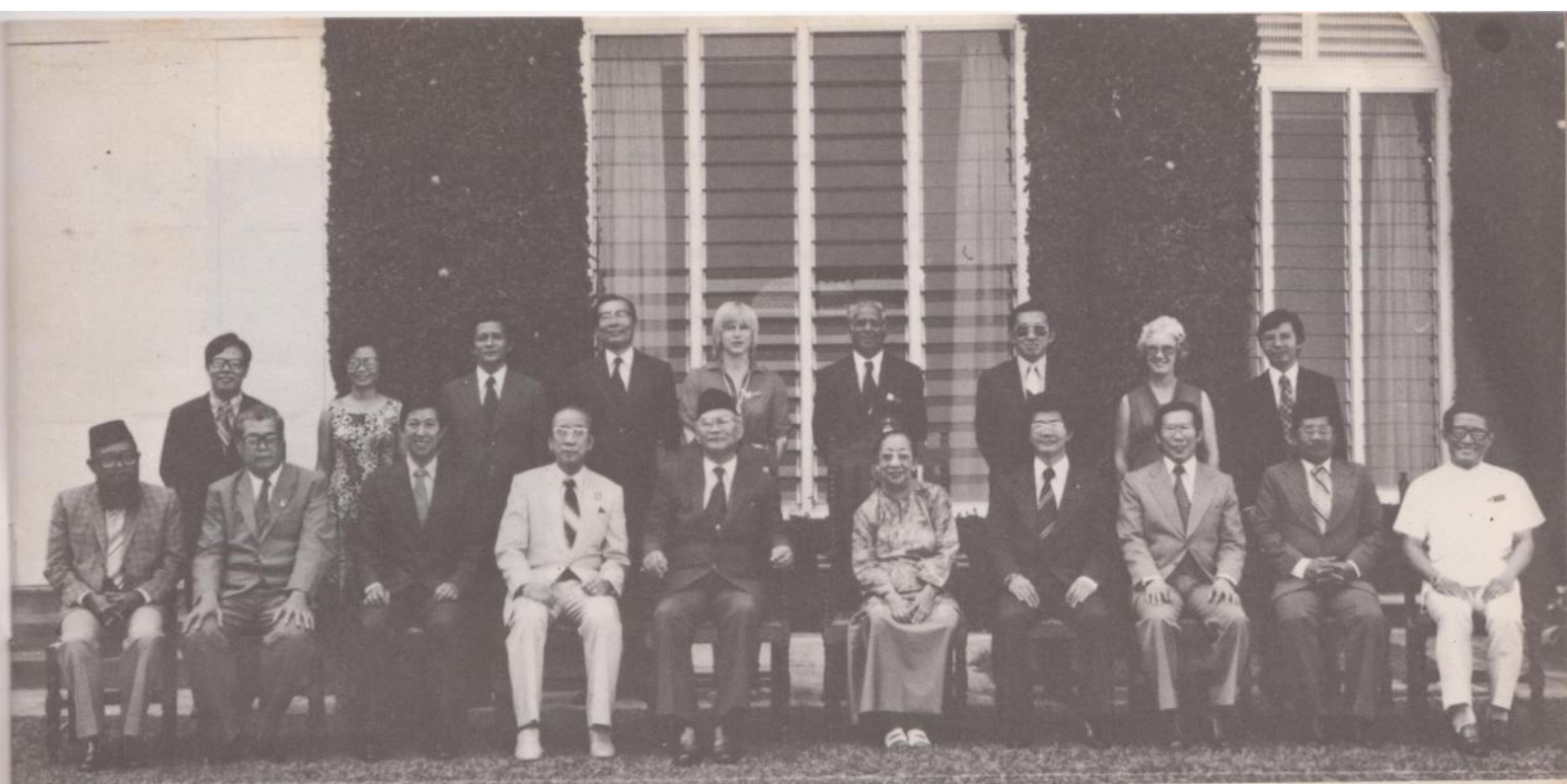
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*Standing (left to right)*  
 Dr. Ong Ewe Chye, Mrs. Lim Say Huat, Mr. Khoo Thean Tiew, Mr. Khoo-Yeoh Gan Hong, Mrs. Ingeborg Klose, Mr. A. Arulanantham, Mr. Toh Boon Hoe, Mrs. K.E.M. Hussain, Mr. Stephen Lau  
*Absent: Datuk Loh Boon Siew, Mrs. Chan Kok Swee, Dr. Wee-Ch'ng Keow Hiang, Mr. Cecil Rajendra, Mr. Stephen Lim, Mr. V.S. Bastion*

## THE SPASTIC CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION OF PENANG OFFICIALS 1981

### PATRON

Tuan Yang Terutama Yang DiPertua Negeri Pulau Pinang.  
 Datuk Dr. Awang bin Hassan D.U.P.N., S.P.M.J.,

### TRUSTEES

Datuk Loh Boon Siew,  
 DMPN, DJN, JSM, KMN, PJK  
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### OFFICE BEARERS

#### *President*

Mr. Ong Kim Seng,  
 DJN, AMN, PKT, PJM

#### *Vice President*

Datuk Loh Boon Siew,  
 DMPN, DJN, JSM, KMN, PJK  
 Mrs. Chan Kok Swee  
 Mr. Tan Chong Heng  
 Mr. Oo Jooi Tee, PJK

#### *Honorary Secretary*

Mr. Tan Ban Hock, PPN

#### *Honorary Treasurer*

Mr. Law Joo Keun, AMN, PJK

### HONORARY ADVISERS

#### *Medical*

Dr. Tan Ewe Aik, JP  
 Dr. Wee-Ch'ng Keow Hiang  
 Dr. Ong Ewe Chye

#### *Legal*

Mr. Cecil Rajendra

#### *Welfare*

Tuan Haji Sharif bin Ismail, PJK

#### *Education*

Mr. Abdul Razak bin Ator, KMN, SMP, AMP

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Lim Say Huat  
 Mrs Ingeborg Klose  
 Mr. Khoo Thean Tiew  
 Mr. A. Arulanantham  
 Mr. Toh Boon Hoe  
 Mr. Stephen Lim Lee Chay  
 Mr. Stephen K.S. Lau  
 Mr. V.S. Bastion, PJK

### HONORARY CONSULTANTS

#### *Orthopaedic*

Datuk D.S. Willie, DMPN, DJN.

#### *Paediatric*

Dr. N. Paramaesvaran

#### *Ophthalmic*

Dr. Lim Huck Boon

#### *Ear, Nose & Throat*

Dr. Santokh Singh

### HONORARY AUDITOR

Messrs. Herbert J. Ho & Co.

### SUPERVISOR

Mrs. K.E.M. Hussain

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1981

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It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report of the Association for 1981.

### INTRODUCTION

On reviewing the past records of the Association since its formation in 1962, when training of 5 children by 3 staff and volunteers started in a church-hall, I feel elated and gratified that so much improvement and development have taken place especially during the last decade. Our register at the end of the year showed an enrolment of 92 and a staffing of 25 and much as we wish to admit the many new cases on the waiting list, our limited space and facilities have restrained us from doing so.

### NEW BUILDING EXTENSION

Our present Spastic Training Centre, comprising five blocks of building, is ideally situated on a piece of land which is very close to the proposed Lam Wah Ee Hospital. The land of approximately one hectare has been leased to our Association at \$12.00 a year and we are most grateful to the Board of Lam Wah Ee Hospital for providing this land to us at such a low token payment.

To cater for those spastic children waiting anxiously for admission, we must increase our working space and my Committee have planned for a double-storey building to accommodate a larger physiotherapy hall, a training workshop, a bigger kitchen, meeting-room and living quarters for the caretaker. The cost of the building inclusive of furnishings and the raising of the level of the ground by one metre has been estimated at about \$300,000. We have, so far, raised \$136,400 and are still a long way from the required amount. It is our hope that the Government would help us to meet part of the cost.

It pleases me to report that, after such a long wait, our building plans are finally approved. We are very keen to commence construction as any further delay could mean a higher cost in labour and building material.

I am happy to add that about the same time the plan was approved, our problem of the two squatter families on our land was solved by the State Housing Board. For this, we are deeply grateful to TYT Tun Datuk Haji Sardon B. Haji Jubir, our Patron, for bringing our problem to the attention of the Board which then gave three temporary housing to the two families at Sungei Pinang. It was decided that our Association compensate them with \$1,360.00 and \$11,360.00 respectively.

One of the squatter families has since moved and its house demolished while the other has asked for an extension of a few months to evacuate. If things go according to plan, our new building should be ready for occupation before the end of the following year.

## PATRONAGE

It was a sad day for us all when our Patron, TYT Tun Datuk Haji Sardon B. Haji Jubir and YAB Toh Puan Datuk Hajjah Sadiyah left Penang on 30th April to reside in their new home in Kuala Lumpur. Both of them had shown great interest besides devoting much of their time and energy towards the welfare of all the disabled persons in Penang. I wish to record our deep appreciation to them for their kind services to us and to wish them a happy future in their new home.

On the same day after the departure of TYT Tun Datuk Hj. Sardon B. Haji Jubir and YAB Toh Puan Datuk Hajjah Sadiyah, the people of Penang welcomed the arrival of the new TYT Yang Di Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang, Datuk Dr. Awang B. Hassan and his consort YAB Datin Khadijah Bt. Dato' Abdul Rahman. It was a significant day for us too for we were greeting the new Patron of our Association.

## VISITORS

We often receive a large number of visitors to our Centre and it always gives us pleasure to show them around. We hope that through them our training centre would be made known to those parents whose children need our training but are ignorant of where to send them to. I wish to express our appreciation to our visitors and also to the following dignitaries whose visits brought joy and honour to everyone at the Centre:-

- January - Visit of YAB Toh Puan Mariam Robert, the Consort to TYT Yang Di Pertua Negeri Sabah.
- April - DYMM Sultanah of Kedah, Hajjah Siti Bidayah bt. Haji Din in her capacity as the Patron of the Children's Welfare Council of Kedah came to view our set-up and organisation with an intention of starting a similar spastic training centre in her state.
- September - Not long after taking office, TYT Yang Di Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang, Datuk Dr. Awang B. Hassan and YAB Datin Khadijah Bt. Dato' Abdul Rahman visited the Centre to meet the spastic children and also to know more of our activities and the training provided.
- November - We had a very pleasant surprise when YAB Datin Seri Dr. Siti Hasmah, wife of our Prime Minister, came and gave a donation of \$5,000 to our Association. This donation from Badan Amal dan Kebajikan Tenaga Isteri-isteri (BAKTI) was unexpected and it is gratifying to know that BAKTI is aware and appreciative of the work we are doing. We are very grateful to them for the generous donation which is an encouragement to us.

## FINANCE

Our Association continued to enjoy another good year with an excess of income over expenditure of \$124,552.14, the highest amount attained so far. A major portion of our income was derived from our Foster Parents Appeal while direct donation has also increased. Two fund raising projects organised by the Association helped to bring in a total of \$62,640.01.

## FOSTER PARENTS APPEAL

The success of this scheme is, once again, due to the untiring effort of our very conscientious Committee member, Mr. V.S. Bastion, who has made a record collection of \$136,451.68 as against \$91,027.71 obtained the previous year. We are deeply indebted to him for helping to keep our finance strong.

'How did he do it?' is the question often asked by others who had hoped to emulate him. I believe that to be a competent volunteer and to offer good service, one needs to be sincere, dedicated and willing to sacrifice his free time. Our Association is fortunate to have Mr. Bastion who possesses all these qualities and, most important of all, a charming approach and appeal to our kind donors to give generously to his foster parents scheme.

The year 1981 was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly as the 'International Year of the Disabled Persons' and to give significance as well as draw attention to the occasion, members of the Rotaract Clubs in Malaysia pooled their resources together to foster 30 of our spastic children on New Year Day. This mass fostering was initiated by our strong supporter, Mr. S. Nagalingam, the President of the Penang Rotaract Club. To him and all his fellow Rotaractors, we say, 'Thank you for your very fine gesture and help'.

Later in the year, a commendable effort was made by one of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. Lawrence Tan Chong Heng, who is also the Rotary Club Director of Community Relations. At one of his Rotary Club meetings, he appealed to his members to join him in fostering our spastic children. His request received very warm response and before the meeting concluded, 22 of the members had signed up to become foster parents. Later, Mr. Tan handed over a total contribution of \$7,920 from them.

The Rotary Club of Penang is the founder of our Association and since the beginning it has continually shown keen interest in our welfare and progress. We appreciated their support as it gives us confidence that, in our moment of need, we can always depend on them for assistance.

The management and staff of many hotels, schools, offices, and factories in the Bayan Lepas Free Trade Zone have also been supporting our Foster Parents Appeal. When their yearly foster-ships come to an end, they would gladly and unhesitatingly renew them for another year. It is this continuous support that we depend on for courage to plan for the future.

There is one factory which I would like to mention for its most outstanding support. The staff of Intel Sdn. Bhd., led by Miss Muzlifah and Mr. Stuart Lim, collectively fostered 17 of our spastic children. To all these very kind people who have contributed so generously in spite of their modest income, I thank them very much for their sincerity to help us.

I take this opportunity to also express our grateful thanks to all our foster parents for their support and for their kind visits and gifts to their foster children on their birthdays and other functions. We fully realise how much joy and happiness their visits have conveyed to those children as most of them are neglected at home.

#### **SPASTIC BRICK FUND**

This project, launched in September 1980 by TYT Tun Datuk Haji Sardon B. Haji Jubir, was another of our appeal to seek donations for the new building extension. The response from the public towards it fell short of our expectation and it was not until the middle of 1981 that we were able to recall all our sponsorship cards and to close our accounts. The amount raised was \$45,174.01 and I wish to compliment Mr. Stephen Lim Lee Chay and his sub-committee for their very fine effort despite the difficulties encountered.

We feel that soliciting for donations with the use of sponsorship cards is too widely practised in this country by voluntary organisations, schools, clubs and even Government departments that it has lost its appeal. The public has become less generous towards this approach than they had been in the past and perhaps it needs a new approach to arouse their interests again.

#### **SPASTIC CHARITY DINNER & DANCE**

This function which raised \$17,470.00 was successfully organised by our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Law Joo Keun and his sub-committee at the Peking Restaurant of Hotel Merlin on 27.6.81.

It was a night of merriment for our members, friends and donors who attended it. Our distinguished guests were our Patron, TYT Datuk Dr. Awang B. Hassan and YAB Datin Khadijah, YAB Dr. Lim Chong Eu and Mrs. Lim, Tuan Haji Mohd Zaman Khan and wife, and members of the diplomatic services in Penang.

The entertainment for the night began with a Hawaiian dance by our spastic children, songs by our popular and blind guest singer Mr. Alfred Ho, and followed with dance exhibitions by pupils of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Soo. The highlight of the function was a 'Charity Song' sung by our guest artiste Miss Kuo Su Wan, a well known Taiwan and T.V. singer. Her sweet and soothing songs alone raised \$2,784 for the function.

Our special thanks to all those who have helped to make it a night to be remembered.

## DONATIONS

1981 was a good and prosperous year for us in many respects. Our donations rose from \$43,600 in 1980 to \$72,500 and some of them came from most unexpected sources. While it is not possible to name all our donors, I would, however, like to mention those who have given to us very generously:

Alma Rubber Estate Sdn. Bhd.	\$ 1,000
Bakti	\$ 5,000
Boon Siew Sdn. Bhd.	\$ 1,000
Borneo Film Organisation Sdn. Bhd.	\$ 1,200
Gama Supermarket & Departmental Store	\$ 1,000
Kim Guan Choong Sdn. Bhd.	\$10,000
Lim Bian Yam Cooking Demonstration	\$ 858
Ong Hoo Kim	\$ 1,000
Penang Free School Food Fair	\$ 3,454
Penang Philharmonic Society	\$2,465
Penang Turf Club	\$ 1,000
Phor Thor Committee, Chai Leng Park, Prai	\$ 3,000
Roson Sdn. Bhd.	\$ 1,000
Secretaries' Society Malaysia	\$ 3,346
Sukan Estate Sdn. Bhd.	\$ 2,000
Tan Ah Chim & Sons Sdn. Bhd.	\$ 1,000
The Great Royal Circus of India	\$ 1,000
The Young Ones Basketball Team	\$ 1,000
Tun Sardon Foundation	\$ 2,000
United Hokkien Cemeteries	\$ 5,000
Universiti Sains Malaysia Persatuan Pelajar Buddhist	\$ 2,250
Universiti Sains Malaysia Kung Fu Society	\$ 1,000
Zafaruddin b. Abdul Rahman	\$ 1,000

## GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY

### From Ministry of Welfare Services

Our annual grant from the Ministry of Welfare Services was increased from \$8,500 in 1980 to \$15,660 this year. We are grateful to the Ministry for this increase and also to Tuan Haji Sharif Ismail, the Director of Welfare Services for conveying our needs to the Ministry. We also appreciate his attendance and advice given at our monthly meetings.

### From Ministry of Education

Our Spastic School received an annual subsidy of \$14,618.34 from the Ministry of Education towards the payment of 90% of the salaries of our teachers. This annual subsidy helps to reduce our expenditure considerably and we wish to express our thanks to the Ministry for it and also for increasing our teachers from two to three this year.

The Government, in answer to our plea, has kindly consented to provide also the salary of our physiotherapist as from 1981. The Government's salary scale is very much higher than what our Association can afford to pay and we hope this new offer would attract therapists to remain permanently with us.

#### BIRTHDAY AWARDS

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the following officers for being conferred awards by DYMM Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong on his birthday:-

Mr. Abdul Razak B. Ator S.M.P., A.M.P.	-	Kesatria Mangku Negara
Mr. Khoo Yeoh Gan Hong P.J.K., P.J.M.	-	Pingkat Pangkuan Negara

and to our Honorary Orthopaedic Consultant, Datuk D.S. Willie for being awarded the Darjah Mulia Pangkuan Negeri by TYT Yang Di Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang.

#### CONCLUSION

This is the 9th year of my service as the President of the Association and throughout all this time I am very happy indeed to say that I have received the fullest support and co-operation from the members of my Committee, staff and volunteers of the Spastic Centre. It has always been a pleasure to work with them as a team and I am deeply indebted to them for their valuable services, for carrying out their duties and responsibilities so willingly and efficiently, and also to the Hon. Secretary for sacrificing so much of his time to attend to the daily business of the Association.

I wish to also thank our Hon. Auditor, Messrs Herbert J. Ho & Co., for rendering free services to our Association ever since it was formed.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all those who have donated so generously in cash and in kind, extended services to us in one way or another and to the Press who have published our activities and appeals to the public and whose kind response and contributions have enabled us to function effectively to bring a happier life to the handicapped children under our care.

Ong Kim Seng  
AMN, DJN, PKT, PJM,  
*President.*





**PATRON OF THE ASSOCIATION  
WITH STAFF OF THE SPASTIC TRAINING CENTRE**

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*Sitting Left to Right* : Miss A. Pragasam, Miss Ooh Kim Sok, Miss Rajeswari, Mrs. K.E.M. Hussain, TYT Datuk Dr. Awang bin Hassan and his consort YAB Datin Khadijah Bt. Dato' Abdul Rahman, Mr. Ajal Singh, Miss Anne Zachariah, Miss H. Sebastian, Miss Maria Hee.

*Standing Left to Right (2nd row)* : Miss Sarama bt. Abdullah, Puan Marimuthu, Miss Thurga Theivi, Miss Chooi Yu Wen, Miss Jananayagi, Miss Tan Lay Lee, Miss Noor Ripah, Miss Wong Soong Leng, Puan Noorlizah, Miss Khor Ai Na, Miss Karen Quah

*Standing Left to Right (3rd row)* : Mr. Chung Yeng Kit, Mr. Kadir, Mr. Ramlee, Mr. Moorthi, Mr. Selvakumaran, Mr. K. Veloo.

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## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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**Spastic Centre:** The year certainly has been a very active one, also memorable in many ways. This can probably be attributed to the fact that the year was proclaimed 'International Year for Disabled Persons'.

People, both adults and children, came forward to do their bit for the handicapped either by arranging parties or donating equipment, toys and foodstuffs etc. Seminars were conducted which revealed the many and diverse problems confronting the handicapped, as well as the difficulties in the Homes and Special Schools aiming to teach and train them for their future.

Sports meets for the disabled were held in Penang and Kuala Lumpur, and various fund-raising projects were arranged to help our Association and the many handicapped Organisations in Penang.

The children themselves were kept very busy performing in many concerts throughout the year and during the holidays, in addition to taking part in their own School functions.

Let us hope that their special problems and needs will not be overlooked or forgotten, now that the I.Y.D.P. has drawn to a close.

### ADMINISTRATION

Although the numbers fluctuated at times, the following figures show the total staffing approved for 1981:

Supervisor	1
Clerical Assistants	2
Teachers (through Government)	3
Teaching Assistants	6
Therapists	3
Therapy Assistants	5
Domestic Assistants	3
Drivers	3
Gardener	1
Caretaker	1
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### STAFF

At the end of the first term the two therapists from the German Development Service - Miss Brigitte Thomson (Occupational therapist) and Miss Margrit Roessing (Speech therapist) - returned to Germany on the completion of their 2 year contracts at the Centre.

A farewell dinner was given for the two ladies in appreciation of their services and contributions for the benefit of the children and the Centre in general. Miss Anne Zachariah - a speech pathologist - took over the Speech Dept. until the end of the second term.

In May we were very sorry to lose the loyal and dedicated services of Miss Valliammal, who had been our Speech Therapy Assistant for about 8 years.

Miss Valli is now the Supervisor of the new Spastic Centre in Kota Bahru, and we are happy to know that she is doing very well there.

In June we were fortunate in having Miss Ooh Kim Sok - an Occupational Therapist - join our staff, and we hope that she, as well as Puan Rajeswari our Physiotherapist, will remain with us for a long time.

**Voluntary Services:** Once again volunteers for the morning and swimming sessions were in very short supply throughout the year.

However we were very grateful to the pupils from the various schools' Interact Clubs who gave voluntary service in the afternoons.

Our deep appreciation goes to our loyal and faithful volunteers - Mrs. Tan Teow Thong - for assistance in the Therapeutic Workshop and during functions, also to Mrs. P.C. Vanniasingham for directing the children in their singing sessions and their concert performances.

We are very pleased to have Mr. Alfred Khoo as one of our regular volunteers who helps with the swimming and other activities when free, and Mrs. V. G. Shah who kindly takes the children for their regular dental check-ups and treatment.

Our appreciation once again goes out to the wives of our Committee members, Mrs. A. Arulanantham, Mrs. Kathy Bastion and Mrs. Khoo Thean Tiew, who can always be relied upon to assist whenever help is needed. On sudden emergencies when we ran short of help, Miss Betty Kok and Mrs. Chung Yeng Kit - the wife of one of our staff- have not failed to give their assistance.

As always our gratitude to Miss Phylis Templeton for her many donations and regular assistance in the Production Group, and also for kindly recruiting volunteers to help at the Centre.

A final but very special word of thanks, as well as my own personal and sincere appreciation to Mrs. Tan Ban Hock, for so kindly acting for me during my leave in England and for willingly conducting the many visitors around the Centre whenever she is asked. Besides attending to all the Association's functions, she has also assisted in all fund-raising projects held.

To all of these volunteers we express our sincere thanks, and we truly hope that they will all continue to give their services at the Spastic Centre for many years to come.

<b>Visitors/functions</b>	:	During 1981 we were again honoured by a number of distinguished visitors to our school/Training Centre, also some interesting functions took place.
<b>Jan. 1st</b>	:	Rotaractors give a party to inaugurate the I.Y.D.P. for the spastic children. 30 children were sponsored en masse during the function.
<b>Jan. 26th</b>	:	YAB Toh Puan Mariam Robert, the Consort to TYT Yang di Pertua Negeri of Sabah made a visit to the Spastic Centre.
<b>Jan. 30th</b>	:	Presentation of 10,000 greetings cards by Lions Club of Georgetown.
<b>March 16th</b>	:	Children, staff and Committee members visited the U.S. Warship 'U.S.S. Krik'
<b>March 19th</b>	:	Children were invited to a birthday party for TYT Yang Di Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang, Tun Datuk Hj. Sardon B. Haji Jubir at the Residency.
<b>April 5th</b>	:	YAB Toh Puan Datuk Hajjah Sadiyah, Consort to TYT Yang Di Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang was the special guest at our Annual Sports Day.

April 7th	:	Visit by DYMM Sultanah of Kedah to the Spastic Centre.
May 27th	:	Visit by Encik Abdul Razak bin Ator - Pengarah Pelajaran Pulau Pinang. Some spastic children performed in a Charity Concert at the Dewan Sri Pinang, starring Anita Sarawak.
May 28th/29th	:	Educational Exhibition at Sek. Men. Dato Onn, Butterworth.
May 29th	:	Telematch organised for children by a team from Cathay Pacific and a team from Hong Kong Tourist Association.
June 20th	:	I.Y.D.P. Sports (State Level) held at the City Stadium.
June 27th	:	Charity Dinner and Dance in aid of the Spastic Children's Association of Penang at the Hotel Merlin.
August 14th & 15th	:	Spastic children participated in the IYDP National Sports Meet for the Disabled in Kuala Lumpur.
September 26th	:	Visit to the Centre by our new Patron - TYT Yang Di Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang, Datuk Dr. Awang Hassan and YAB Datin Khadijah Bt. Dato' Abdul Rahman
October 18th	:	Spastic children took part in a 'Mexican Shuffle' dance at the IYDP Concert held at the Dewan Sri Pinang.
November 20th	:	Wife of the Prime Minister - YAB Datin Seri Dr. Siti Hasmah - visited the Spastic Centre and presented clocks for all the classrooms and a cheque for \$5,000, a donation from BAKTI.

Medical : During the year a total of 30 children were examined by our Doctors; out of these, 17 were admitted and 3 others re-admitted as two of the parents had returned to Penang and one was brought back from an Orphanage, making a total of 20 admissions. Some children were placed on the waiting list, and the others were treated as regular review cases and out-patients.

Other children were not admitted due to being either non-spastic, over-age, post polio or unable to be helped due to severe retardation

A number of children came from other States, but because of the distance could not attend regularly. Some children were referred to the School for Mentally Retarded.

Fourteen children attending the Centre were discharged during the year for the following reasons:

Employment	1
Promoted to normal schools	2
Promoted to Sri Tanjong School for Deaf	1
Attained maximum age-limit of 21 years	1
No further progress possible	4
Parents transferred out of Penang	1
Transferred to Retarded School	2
Deceased	2

#### Cerebral Palsy Cases Admitted

Age	Male	Female	Malay	Chinese	Indian	Others	Total
2-3 yrs.	3	2		5			5
4-6 yrs.	4	3	2	4		1	7
7-8 yrs.	3			2	1		3
9-14 yrs.	3	2		2	3		5
Total	13	7	2	13	4	1	20

To our Hon. Medical Consultants - Dr. Tan Ewe Aik, Dr. Wee-Ch'ng Keow Hiang and Dr. Charles Ong Ewe Chye - we express our deep appreciation and thanks, for generously giving their precious time each week to visit the Centre and attend to the variety of ailments and medical problems of the children, as well as to examine new cases.

Our very special thanks to Dr. Wee-Ch'ng Keow Hiang for giving talks as well as discussing new or problem cases with the staff every fortnight. Her lectures on 'Cerebral Palsy and its Problems' to visiting groups of nurses and mid-wives are very beneficial to the latter because they are the ones who would usually encounter spastic children in their work.

We are also grateful, as always, to Datuk D.S. Willie, the Orthopaedic Surgeon at the General Hospital for performing operations on 3 of our younger spastic children during the year, whereby their mobility has shown improvement.

Once again we are indebted to Dr. Lim Huck Boon for his kindness in checking and advising on the visual impairments of a large number of children during 1981 also our grateful thanks to Dr. Razu for treating the many skin problems of the children. To the Dental Surgeon and nurses of the Perak Road Polyclinic, we say a big 'thank you' for their patience and kindness in the difficult task of giving dental treatment each week to the children.

**School:** The children in the school section are divided into three stages, i.e. Stages I, II, & III irrespective of their ages but according to their ability to comprehend, retain and progress in their school work. The very slow learners are given individual attention, guidance counselling and the opportunity to progress at their own pace. The children follow a normal school syllabus, curriculum and extra mural activities. But then we emphasize more on the three R's (Reading, Writing and Arithmetic) for it is our duty and aim to see that each and every child is able to read, write, comprehend and be able to solve simple mathematical problems in everyday life. The progress of each child is very closely monitored, thoroughly assessed and discussed by the teachers throughout the year. Thus if it is concluded that an individual merits promotion then he/she is recommended to the next stage.

**Assessment Class:** Children in this class attend three times a week in the afternoon and comprise new admissions who are assessed by the therapists with the help of Assistants for a period of at least 3-6 months. Many pupils remain on more than 1 year until there is a vacancy in either the morning Reception Class, which is more for the educable children, or special class for the slow learners.

Activities appropriate to their mental and physical ability are carried out. Once a fortnight the work is planned by the therapists and a group of staff members. The children are given individual attention in Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy. The parents are also present there, so they can continue the work at home.

At the moment we have a total of 20 children in the Assessment Class. Two of these will be promoted into Reception Class and 3 into Special Class in 1982.

**Special Class:** This class mainly helps children who are slow learners. Basic abilities, colours, parts of body and various shapes are taught.

There were seven children with ages ranging between 5-12 years. Various daily activities are taught to enable them to be independent, mainly in dressing and undressing, personal hygiene and correct toileting. Special nutritious food is given to the poor children to build them up so that they can carry out the class activities. They have shown progress and more interest in their work.

**Reception Class:** Two pupils from the afternoon Assessment group who were sufficiently educable were taken into Reception Class this year. The class consists of 12 children. Their ages range from 3 to 9 years. Toilet training which was introduced in the Assessment class is continued in this class, as it is a very important programme for these children. The general programme for this year included pre-writing exercises, art & craft, recreational activities, basic abilities, dressing, language stimulation, tactile, visual with gustatory stimulation activities, numbers and simple science. Self independence is also encouraged in this class.

Three children will be promoted to the Pre-School class in 1982. One child will be discharged as the family will be moving to Sabah.

**Pre-School:** There were 9 children attending Pre-School this year. Lessons here are taught in a play form, but academic work is also given especially for those who will be attending normal school in the future.

For this year the Pre-School children visited the 'Wendy House' Kindergarten where the children had an opportunity of mixing with normal children.

Educational visits were made to the Museum, the Jelutong market and the Royal Indian Circus. The children really enjoyed the circus for they were given the opportunity to hold and touch the various animals.

One of the pupils from this class will be admitted into the Rifle Range normal school and another child into the Sri Tanjong Deaf School in 1982.

Three of the children from this class took part in the I.Y.D.P. Sports in Kuala Lumpur.

#### **PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPT.**

A total of 79 children were treated during the year in the Physiotherapy Dept.; consisting of 39 children during the morning sessions and 24 children in the afternoon sessions, all these children were treated weekly. Another group of 16 children were treated as out-patients, and these are reviewed and given therapy once a month only, as they are usually outstation cases and cannot afford to come regularly for therapy.

Many children have shown vast improvement in one way or another. The slightest improvement, even a flicker of contraction is a great achievement for the Physiotherapy Dept. The greatest improvement however was shown by 2 children who are able to walk independently now, 10 children who have progressed to using walking aids and 3 children onto wheelchairs.

Surgical procedures to accommodate spasm by means of Tendon lengthening and tenotomy were carried out for 3 children, and now they are in the gradual walking training and have shown progress after surgery.

During the year we purchased a new piece of equipment called the 'Crawling Co-ordination Training Unit' which was imported from America. This equipment is of great help to many of the children. It helps them to learn the correct pattern of crawling also abduction is possible by using this equipment.

#### **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT**

Forty-two children attended O.T. in the mornings and 20 children were given therapy in the afternoons. There were individual and group sessions. These sessions mainly aimed to provide intellectual and emotional stimulation: promote maximum independence in Activities of Daily Living, increase concentration, memory, hand functions and self-esteem, decrease spasticity, prevent deformity; provide perceptual training as well as to promote socialization.

Some of the activities used were crafts - puppet, loom-weaving, basketry, Art-finger painting; self-care activities - dressing, buttoning; remedial games using Ravensburger sets (from Germany).

Typing was pursued as an alternative to writing for 3 children who are having great difficulty with writing due to involuntary movements and abnormal muscle tone. Sessions on simple sex-education were also given to the girls aged 14 years and above. During the third term, all children attending the morning sessions were screened using the Frostig Visual Perception Test. Majority of the children were found to have the greatest difficulty in the areas of Eye-motor Co-ordination (due to abnormal tone), spatial relationship and shape constancy.

There was also evidence of perceptual difficulty in Figure-ground and Position-in-space, but generally not as great as the three perceptual areas stated above.

### **SPEECH THERAPY DEPARTMENT**

A total of 16 children were given speech therapy twice a week during the academic year, while 4 others were on the reserve list. In the afternoons, speech therapy was given to some children from the Assessment Class.

Speech therapy is imperative for a child with communication disorders. This may be in terms of voice, articulation, rhythm or language. Therapy also involves teaching the child proper breathing patterns, strengthening the child's speech supportive mechanism - both of which are essential for the production of good, clear and intelligible speech.

If speech cannot be acquired by the cerebral palsied child, rehabilitative efforts were directed to sign language. When the child showed an inability to communicate verbally or to learn the sign language Bliss Symbols were employed. This non-verbal communication system is both effective and functional for the individual within his environment.

Some children achieved considerable improvement while others showed slow progress. A talk was given by Speech Pathologist - Miss Anne Zachariah - on the care and maintenance of the hearing aid to parents with hard-of-hearing children. The talk was to create greater awareness of the use of the hearing aid and to exploit the auditory avenue of the child.

We are also grateful to the Principal and the staff of the Federation School for the Deaf for allowing our hard-of-hearing children to have hearing tests, and for some their hearing re-evaluated.

Unfortunately, Miss Zachariah left us towards the end of the last term to rejoin her husband in the U.S.A.

### **PRODUCTION GROUP**

Ten children received training in the Production Group this year. The activities were chosen according to the abilities of the children. Skills essential for adaptation and productivity in the society were taught e.g. cooking, tidying, sewing, shopping, budgeting, gardening, handling money and craftwork. Whenever necessary, individual attention was given to individual difficulties such as poor memory, poor hand function and abnormal muscle tone.

Maximum independence is still being stressed to prepare them to lead a useful and meaningful life when they leave the Centre at 21 yrs.

Practical situations were provided for the children to practise what they learnt. In the beginning of the year, the children were able to go for a weekend bungalow stay together with some deaf and blind children from the other Centres. This was with the help of the Service Civil International group. Our children showed their appreciation by donating a small sum of money from their own fund collected from the sale of articles. A social night was also organised at the end of the year to practise social ethics and personal grooming learnt in social skill classes.

## BROWNIES

Our Brownie pack is the 14th Penang Pack (North District) and we now have a total of eight Brownies.

Four of our Brownies have already sat for their enrolment test and are on the waiting list for their Golden Bar, while two new children are on the waiting list for their enrolment test.

Every year the Brownies take part in special events and outings. For this year they put up two event, a Fancy Dress item on 'Thinking Day' which was held on 22nd Feb. 1981, and a 'Hawaiian Dance' held in conjunction with the Australian and Malaysian Brownies Revels, which was held on the 13th June 1981. The Brownies have also visited a number of places of interest during their monthly outings such as the Burmese Temple, the Youth Park and Siamese Temple. They were also taken to Gurney Drive to collect shells for nature study.

**Mrs. K.E.M. Hussain**

*Supervisor.*



**THE SPASTIC CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION OF PENANG**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1981**

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
To Salaries	\$70,585.60	By Donation	\$72,509.86
Special Relief Allowance	480.00	Foster Parents Appeal Fund	136,451.68
Socso	1,263.60	Grant from Ministry of Welfare Services	15,660.00
Contribution to E.P.F.Board	7,706.00	Interest on Fixed Deposit	25,200.29
Contribution to Education A/C	2,259.01	Miscellaneous Receipts	622.75
Courses for Staff	802.25	Sales of Products	2,361.80
Advertisement A/C	303.70	Subscription	780.00
Bank Charges	70.52	Telephone Charges Received	112.55
Drivers' Services	181.50		
Depreciation A/C	7,202.70		
Electricity, Water & Conservancy	2,339.66		
Foster Parents Scheme Expenses	5,689.80		
Gas	131.60		
Insurance & Premium	406.00		
Licence Fees	20.00		
Library Expenses	32.10		
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,985.50		
Motor Vehicles-Road Tax/Insurance	1,651.00		
Television Fee	24.00		
Parents' Day Expenses	293.40		
Printing & Stationery	2,788.22		
Postages & Stamps	526.40		
Repairs & Maintenance	1,871.70		
Sports' Day Expenses	387.50		
Telephone Charges	1,243.85		
Transport & Travelling	273.50		
Swimming Pool Maintenance	153.00		
Sundry Charges (Groceries)	5,250.85		
Upkeep of Motor Vehicles			
(Petrol & Diesel)-\$5086.50			
(Repairs) <u>-\$5091.88</u>	10,178.38		
X'mas Party Expenses	358.35		
City Council Plan (Building)	50.00		
Ex-Gratia	1,837.10		
Housing Allowance	800.00		
Surplus-Income Over Expenditure	124,552.14		
	<u>\$253,698.93</u>		<u>\$253,698.93</u>

**THE SPASTIC CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION OF PENANG**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1981**

**RECEIPTS**

**PAYMENTS**

To Balance b/f:		By Salaries	\$70,585.60
Cash	\$300.00	Special Relief Allowance	480.00
Bank	\$19,506.12	Socso	1,263.60
Savings A/C	<u>\$5,237.43</u>	Contribution to E.P.F. Board	7,706.00
	\$25,043.55	Contribution to Education A/C	2,259.01
Donations	72,509.86	Courses for Staff	802.25
Foster Parents Appeal Fund	136,451.68	Advertisement A/C	303.70
Grant from Ministry of Welfare Services	15,660.00	Accrued Expenses	880.80
Interests from Fixed Deposit	25,200.29	Bank Charges	70.52
Miscellaneous Receipts	622.75	Drivers' Services	181.50
Sale of Products	2,361.80	Electricity, Water & Conservancy	2,339.66
Subscription	780.00	Foster Parents Scheme Expenses	5,689.80
Telephone Charges Received	112.55	Gas	131.60
Accrued Expenses	1,615.40	Insurance & Premium	406.00
New Building Fund	52,370.00	Licence Fees	20.00
Advance - Dinner Account	204.00	Library Expenses	32.10
		Motor Vehicles-Road Tax/Insurance	1,651.00
		Miscellaneous Expenses	1,985.50
		Television Fee	24.00
		Parents' Day Expenses	293.40
		Printing & Stationery	2,788.22
		Postages & Stamps	526.40
		Repairs & Maintenance	1,871.70
		Sports' Day Expenses	387.50
		Telephone Charges	1,243.85
		Transport & Travelling	273.50
		Swimming Pool Maintenance	153.00
		Sundry Charges (Groceries)	5,250.85
		Upkeep of Motor Vehicles	10,178.38
		X'mas Party Expenses	358.35
		City Council Plan (Building)	50.00
		Ex-Gratia	1,837.10
		Housing Allowance	800.00
		Squatter's Compensation	3,100.00
		Furniture & Fittings	2,259.65
		Fixed Deposit	162,000.00
		Cash in hand	300.00
		Cash at Bank	36,769.62
		Savings A/C	5,677.62
	<u>\$ 332,931.88</u>		<u>\$332,931.88</u>

THE SPASTIC CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION OF PENANG

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST.DECEMBER, 1981

General Fund		Fixed Assets	
Balance as at 1.1.81	\$412,702.12	Buildings	\$108,146.75
Add: Surplus for the year	<u>\$124,552.14</u> \$537,254.26	Motor Vehicles:	
Accrued Expenses	1,615.40	PS5689 - Balance b/f	\$350.24
New Building Fund:		Less Depreciation	<u>\$70.04</u> \$280.20
Balance as at 1.1.81	\$87,129.87	PH6495 - Balance b/f	\$731.52
Add: Addition	<u>\$49,270.00</u> \$136,399.87	Less Depreciation	<u>\$146.30</u> \$585.22
		PY6429 - Balance b/f	16,537.60
		Less Depreciation	<u>\$3,307.52</u> \$13,230.08
		PY6494 - Balance b/f	9,401.67
		Less Depreciation	<u>\$1,880.33</u> <u>\$7,521.34</u> 21,616.84
		Furniture & Fittings:	
		Balance b/f	\$15,725.46
		Add: Addition during the year	
			<u>\$2,259.65</u> \$17,985.11
		Less Depreciation	<u>\$1,798.51</u> \$16,186.60
		Current Assets:	
		Deposit - Telephone	\$300.00
		- Water	\$10.00
		- Electricity	<u>\$262.00</u> \$572.00
		Fixed Deposit	
		Balance b/f 1.1.81	\$324,000.00
		Add: Addition during the year	<u>\$162,000.00</u> \$486,000.00
		Balance:	
		At Bank	\$36,769.62
		In Hand	\$300.00
		Savings A/C	<u>\$5,677.72</u> <u>\$42,747.34</u>
	<u>\$675,269.53</u>		<u>\$675,269.53</u>

**THE SPASTIC CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION OF PENANG  
EDUCATION ACCOUNT**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1981**

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
To	Balance as at 1.1.81	By	Bank Charges
	At Lee Wah Bank		Library Expenses
	Grant from Ministry of Education		Miscellaneous Expenses
	Contribution from S.C.A.P.		Printing & Stationery
			Salary & Wages
			Balance as at 31.12.81
	<u>\$2,052.71</u>		<u>\$5.00</u>
	<u>14,618.34</u>		<u>37.11</u>
	<u>2,259.01</u>		<u>131.15</u>
			<u>118.20</u>
			<u>15,827.35</u>
			<u>2,811.25</u>
	<u><u>\$18,930.06</u></u>		<u><u>\$18,930.06</u></u>

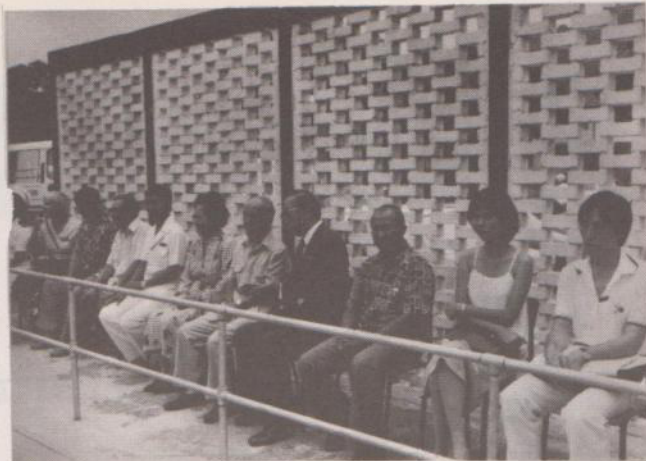
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1981**

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
To	Bank Charges	By	Grant from Ministry of Education
	Library Expenses		Contribution from S.C.A.P.
	Miscellaneous Expenses		
	Printing & Stationery		
	Salary & Wages		
	Being Excess of Income Over Expenditure		
	<u>\$5.00</u>		<u>\$14,618.34</u>
	<u>37.11</u>		<u>2,259.01</u>
	<u>131.15</u>		
	<u>118.20</u>		
	<u>15,827.35</u>		
	<u>758.54</u>		
	<u><u>\$16,877.35</u></u>		<u><u>\$16,877.35</u></u>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1981**

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Accumulated Fund -		Balance at Lee Wah Bank Ltd.	
	Balance b/forward		
	Add: Surplus for the year		
	<u>\$2,052.71</u>		<u>\$2,811.25</u>
	<u>758.54</u>		<u>2,811.25</u>
	<u><u>\$2,811.25</u></u>		<u><u>\$2,811.25</u></u>

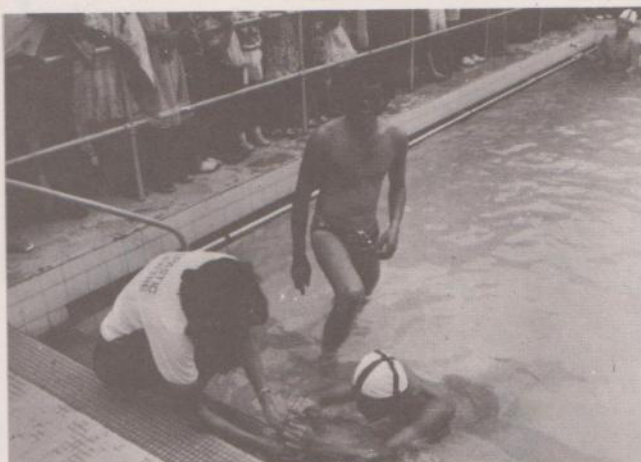
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Some of the V.I.Ps watching the water Sports.



Cutting the Ribbon to declare Open the Annual Sports.



Water Sports in ACTION.



A Foster Parent handling a cheque to LIM SEOK ANN.



Wheel Chair Race.  
Our physiotherapist Miss Rajes helping Khoo Khay Hang.



LIM YING YING taking part in a Memory Game.



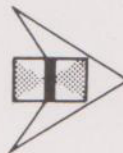
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H.E. Mr. S. Tagashi participating in a race.

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