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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1987

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Annual Report of the Association ending 31st December 1987.

Our Association, founded in 1962, has reached its Silver Jubilee. This anniversary year is of great significance to us as we have arrived at another important "milestone" in the history of the Association. We are happy and proud to have come this far, and it is an auspicious time to rejoice and celebrate the success of the Association.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

These celebrations which began on 1st March this year, were spread out over the year with a series of events such as the Spastic Open Day, the Food Carnival, the 10 km Charity Run, and finally, a Tea Party to bring the Silver Jubilee Celebrations to an end.

We were very grateful and honoured to have with us our Patron Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Datuk Dr Haji Awang b. Hassan who, in spite of his tight schedule and other engagements, graced the first and last events of our celebration.

In carrying out these celebrations, the Organising Committee had the following objectives in mind:-

1. To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Association;
2. To enlighten the public about the work and requirements at the Spastic Training Centre, and finally,
3. To raise funds for the maintenance of the Spastic Training Centre.

Our Spastic Open Day, combined with the Food Carnival, was held on the 1st of March, a Sunday, to enable our many friends and supporters to visit the Centre and see the training of our children in progress. We were indeed overwhelmed by the spontaneous public response to both these functions, and the fruitful results made our efforts really worthwhile. We wish to congratulate and thank Mr. Toh Boon Hoe, the Chairman of the Food Carnival, and Mr. Tan Ban Hock, the Chairman of the Open Day Reception, and their hardworking team of helpers for their kind services rendered in making these functions such an outstanding success.

Those functions were followed by a 10 Km Charity Run on 14th June which was organised by Mr. A. Arulanantham and his helpers who had spent many long days and nights, discussing and planning, to ensure that there would not be any hitches. We deeply appreciate their sacrifices and the hard work they had put in. The 10 Km Charity Run, being meticulously conducted according to plan, was another great success.

Another project held simultaneously was the raising of funds through Appeal Letters and this was ably carried out by Mr. Law Joo Keun and his Committee. Their contributions are greatly appreciated by all of us.

With all this fine team spirit, I am happy to disclose that the total sum collected from these three projects amounted to \$110,000. To all those who have in some way or other, helped us to raise these funds, we say a heartfelt "THANK YOU".

The Tea Party, the highlight of the celebrations, was held on 21st November at the Penang Chinese Town Hall, to which our staff, our spastic children and their parents, volunteers, foster parents and all our supporters, were invited in appreciation of the help they had given to the Association over the years.

Long Service Awards and mementos were presented to our staff and volunteers on this occasion.

The Penang Philharmonic Society provided melodious entertainment which was most enjoyable. Our heartfelt thanks to all their members for giving up their time to brighten our afternoon.

In conjunction with our Silver Jubilee Celebrations, we also produced a Souvenir Publication, giving a chronological record of the events following the inauguration of our Association, the difficult years at the beginning, our progress and achievements in the last 25 years. For this excellent piece of work, the credit goes to Mrs. Lim Say Huat the Publication Chairman and the members of her Committee.

This special Jubilee Year, apart from holding the celebrations, was also an appropriate time for us to evaluate our endeavours and achievements as well as to plan ahead for the future. Foremost in our minds was the question: "Are we doing well?" Yes, we believe we are, if we are to gauge from our humble beginnings in 1962 when we started from scratch to our present situation. Needless to say, all this has been made possible by the kind support and assistance given so freely and readily by all those whose public spiritedness were above their own personal interests.

Our records over the years show that quite a number of our spastic children gained admission into normal schools to continue with their education. One of them did fairly well and managed to reach the level of Malaysian School Certificate in the Penang Free School. In past years, only two of our spastic adults had found employment. I am very pleased to say that during the Silver Jubilee Year, four of our spastics were employed, mostly in the Factories. Their employment was obtained through the efforts of Mr. V.S. Bastion who had approached the respective employers to give our spastics a chance to prove their worth. We thank their employers for their mark of confidence in our spastics, which is a great source of inspiration to all of us who are involved in the task of helping the handicapped.

Although money is a very important factor in catering to the needs of the spastic children, nothing can be achieved without a good and responsible staff. Our Association recognises and appreciates very much the efforts put in by our staff and volunteers. We know it is not an easy task for them especially when many of our children have multiple handicaps. The progress of those children can be a long and slow process and is not measured in days or weeks. Sometimes it takes months or years to obtain results, and in the very severe cases, progress is minimal. These are the disappointments and frustrations the staff and volunteers often encounter, and we admire them for their patience, determination and devotion. On this special Silver Jubilee Year, our Association paid tribute to them all for their dedication and loyalty in serving the spastic children in spite of the difficulties and the low salaries our Association can afford to pay them. Once again, our special thanks to them for their very good work.

FINANCE

The excess of income over expenditure this year showed \$78,663.10 and was comparatively a lesser amount than that obtained in the previous year. However, if the proceeds obtained from the events of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations were added to this excess, the Association could then claim to have the most successful financial year since its inauguration.

We admire the efforts of Mr. V.S. Bastion the Chairman of the Foster Parents Appeal scheme in raising \$153,000 through the scheme for the Association. His sincere and humble approach has touched many hearts and moved them to come forward to help us by becoming foster parents of our spastic children.

Direct donations to the Association had decreased to \$25,536.04 and this drop is understandable as most of our supporters had donated indirectly to the Association through our other fund-raising projects.

Interest rates for our fixed deposits in Banks remain low, averaging from 3.5% to 4.5% and yielded \$66,453.95.

MINISTRY OF WELFARE SERVICES

In May this year, Mr. Cheong Ah Chai, our Hon. Welfare Adviser and also the Director of Social Welfare in Penang, left Penang on promotion to the Ministry in Kuala Lumpur. We congratulate him on his well deserved promotion and although we rejoice with him we feel very sorry to lose him. Mr. Cheong Ah Chai has been very helpful to our Association and has given us much sound advice and guidance. We bid a warm welcome to his successor Mr. P. Samuel Jacob who is from Seremban.

An annual grant is received from the Ministry of Welfare Services to subsidise the maintenance of the Spastic Centre and another grant is received to pay nine-tenths of the salaries of our four teachers in the school section. The two grants amounted to \$26,572.00 and \$23,257.80 respectively. We are very grateful to the Ministry for these, and for their assistance to our Association.

REHABILITATION OF EX-PUPILS

Most of our pupils leave the Spastic Centre at the age of 21 years and a few are accepted into the Workshop to produce hand-crafts for sale. Owing to their handicaps many have difficulty in obtaining

employment and are feeling the boredom of having nothing to do. To assist those who have the capability of starting a small business but do not have the financial means to do so, a "Spastic Ex-Pupils' Loan Scheme" was started. This scheme, under the sponsorship of the New Zealand High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, was started with a revolving fund of \$6,000/-. Any ex-pupil who has the potential to operate a small business would be allowed to borrow up to a maximum of \$500/- without any interest. So far, two have taken loans, one to start a small retail sundry business and the other, to sketch greeting cards for sale. Although the profit is small, it gave each of them an occupation and a feeling of independence. We wish to thank the New Zealand High Commission for donating the \$6,000/- and initiating the scheme.

TRANSPORT

Our Mitsubishi Rosa Bus, a beautiful and comfortable 18-seater costing \$34,000/- and donated by the Christoffel Blindenmission in 1977, was developing engine trouble with frequent breakdowns. We appealed once again to the Christoffel Blindenmission and they have come to our aid with a donation of DM. 40,000 (M\$59,840) as a subsidy towards the cost of a new bus. For this, we are most grateful to Mr. W.G. Brohier, the Regional Representative of Christoffel Blindenmission for South East Asia - Pacific Region, for recommending our request.

Owing to the steep rise in the value of the Japanese Yen, the sale price of the vehicle we had in mind, had increased to over \$130,000/-, but with the money expected from a sale of the old Rosa Bus and an approval of tax exemption for the new vehicle, our Association hopes not to have to spend very much to meet the difference. We wish to record here, our deep appreciation and thanks to Christoffel Blindenmission for their kind donation.

JUSTICE OF PEACE

Our Association congratulates Dr, Lim Huck Boon, our Honorary Ophthalmic Consultant, for being appointed Justice of Peace by Tuan Yang Terutama Yang DiPertua Negeri Pulau Pinang on the occasion of his birthday.

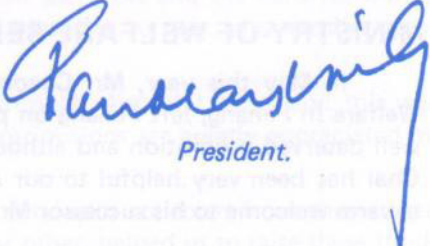
OBITUARY

December 1st 1987, was a very sad day for all of us when our beloved Patron's wife, Yang Amat Berbahagia Toh Puan Datin Hajjah Khadijah bte. Dato' Abdul Rahman passed away after a short illness. We shall greatly miss her presence at our functions. We express our deepest sympathies and condolences to Tuan Yang Terutama and his bereaved family.

APPRECIATION

In concluding my report, I would like to thank all the members of my Management Committee and the Spastic Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee and their helpers, for their full support and cooperation, without which we could not have achieved as much as we have done. I also take this opportunity to express our appreciation to our Honorary Advisers, Consultants, Auditor, all schools and service clubs, and the Press, for their kind services and assistance.

Finally, our special thanks to all our donors and foster parents, who with their regular and generous financial support, enabled us to carry on with the training of the spastic children.



President.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGERS



Seated L to R: Mr. A. Arulanantham, Mrs. K.E.M. Hussain, Mr. Khoo Yeoh Gan Hong, Mrs. Lim Teng Huat, Encik Mohd Nawi Hj. Awang (Rep. from Social Welfare Dept.)
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Absent: Mrs. Perera.



SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1987

Spastic Centre:

What a memorable year 1987 has been. In addition to celebrating the Association's 25 years of existence by holding various functions throughout the year, we were also greatly encouraged by the achievements of four students from our Centre. Mainly through the efforts of Vice President Mr. V.S. Bastion, these students were successfully placed into employment. Three were employed by factories, while the other as an office boy.

Each of the school terms was interesting and eventful for the children and staff who all participated enthusiastically in the Open Day, Annual Sports Day, the "10 K Jog" and the regular Football Match against the students from the Handicapped Children's Appeal. A very special Annual Parent's Day was organised and finally the grand Jubilee Tea, which concluded all the celebrations of our Silver Jubilee Year. Everyone was proud and happy to have been personally involved in such an auspicious year.

STAFF

As we were still unable to obtain an Occupational Therapist for the Centre, we were pleased to welcome back Mdm. Quah Guat Cheng as an Occupational Therapy Assistant on a temporary basis from June 1987.

There was a need to acquire another Speech Therapy Assistant when we were required to share the qualified services of our volunteer (VSA) Speech therapist Miss Janice Griffioen with two other handicapped Centres in Penang. Mdm. Quah Guan Sim was selected for this post in July 1987.

In October an additional Physiotherapy Assistant was employed on a temporary basis, to enable the ever increasing number of outpatients and review cases to be checked and treated more frequently by our therapy staff. Mr. Benjamin Au Kok Wai was selected for this post.

Approved staff for 1988:

Supervisor	—	1
Office Clerk	—	1
Receptionist/Clerk	—	1
Teachers (through Government)	—	4
Teaching Assistants	—	5
Physiotherapist	—	1
Physiotherapist (through Government)	—	vacant
Occupational therapist	—	vacant
Speech therapist (part-time)	—	1
Therapy Assistants	—	8
Social Worker	—	vacant
Domestic/Attendants	—	4
Drivers	—	2
Driver/Caretaker	—	1
Gardener	—	1

MEDICAL

During 1987 a total of 22 children were examined by our doctors. Out of these 14 children were admitted for therapy & training, including four who were re-admitted.

Except for a few cases, the majority were accepted for outpatient treatment and given appointment dates immediately. Their development and progress were then checked regularly by our therapist. At the end of the year there were 33 outpatients.

Two of the children examined were not accepted as they were not spastic and referred to the Handicapped Children's Appeal Centre. Ten children were discharged for the following reasons:

Transferred to normal schools	—	2
Non-attendance	—	3
Deceased	—	1
Attained 21 years of age	—	1
Employment	—	3
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Cerebral Palsy cases admitted in 1987:

Age	Male	Female	Malay	Chinese	Indian	Total
3 years	1			1		1
4 – 5 years	2	2	2	1	1	4
5 – 6½ years	2	2	1	1	2	4
8 – 10 years		2	2			2
12 – 13 years	2	1		3		3
	7	7	5	6	3	14

To our three dedicated Hon. Medical Consultants – Dr. Peter Tan Ewe Aik, Dr. Wee Ch'ng Keow Hiang & Dr. Charles One Ewe Chye – we express our heartfelt thanks to them for so generously giving up their time in examining new patients as well as attending to the various medical problems of the children each week.

Dr. Wee kindly gave a number of talks to groups of student nurses and others during the year, as well as discussing many of the new children with the staff and the child's parents present.

Our appreciation is also extended to the following for their kind assistance & co-operation:

Ophthalmologist	— Dr. Lim Huck Boon
Dental Surgeons	— Adventist Hospital
Puan Yahaya Isa	— Federation School for the Deaf
E.N.T. Surgeon	— Dr. Santokh Singh
Orthopaedic Surgeon	— Dr. Easaw Thomas – G.H. Penang
Dermatologist	— Dr. Daljit Singh Nagreh
Dr. Yee Thiam Sun	— Choong Dispensary
Orthodontist	— Dr. Fong Kheng Phoy
Dental Surgeon & nurses	— Perak Road Polyclinic

We are indeed extremely grateful to the above panel of specialists, who sacrifice their time as well as contributing their expert advice and assistance towards the improvement in health and the future well-being of the spastic children under our care.

ASSESSMENT CLASS:

This year there were 11 children registered in this class. The children are assessed twice a week by the

therapists and teachers for a suitable period of time. During this period they are divided into two groups, in one group infant stimulation and lower cognitive skills are taught, and in the other group the Portage Assessment Programme and other activities are introduced.

Team meetings are then held to discuss the future programme and the most suitable class for each child according to his/her abilities.

PRE-ENTRY CLASS:

In this class individual therapy and classroom programmes are drawn up. Here the children are prepared to be admitted into the morning school programme. They are taught basic cognitive skills, self-help skills, socialization, motor skills as well as many other activities.

INTRODUCTORY CLASS I:

After case discussions with teachers and therapists, children are promoted to this class from the Assessment or Pre-Entry classes.

There were six young children in the class this year, where lessons were introduced mainly through play activities which are given to help stimulate the children. These activities include hydrotherapy, sand-play, art & craft, singing, out-door games & educational visits.

The curriculum also covers language development, self-help skills, A.D.L. (activities of daily living) as well as pre-writing & pre-maths.

INTRODUCTORY II:

There were ten children in this class during the year. An individual programme was designed for each child's needs and capabilities, keeping in mind their various types of handicap. Our aim is to give children a wider range of experience which will be beneficial to them for daily use.

Education is also introduced to them such as basic abilities, activities of daily living, numbers, swimming, outdoor games, art & craft and language.

We also take them out to experience a new environment which helps them to adapt to new places.

Any problems & their progress are reported and assessed whenever the need arises.

PRE-SCHOOL:

This year there were 6 children attending this class. Lessons are taught in a play form, as the age group is from 6 – 10 years. Each child is assessed and lessons are planned according to their individual needs and abilities. Subjects such as reading, writing, Bahasa Malaysia, Science, Art/Craft, Mathematics, Music and Singing are taught. Self-help skills are very important as the children can learn to be more independent.

Children with the ability to cope are selected to be admitted into normal schools; otherwise, when ready, they are promoted to the school section here within the Spastic Centre.

EDUCATION:

The students in the school section are divided into 3 classes namely the Academic Class, the Slow Learners Class and the Practical Training Class.

The criteria of the new educational programme for the Academic Class is to follow as closely as possible the normal school education curriculum, but at the pace of the individual child.

Topics taught are based on the special school curriculum, whereas the academic skills to be assessed are based on the 3R curriculum. Special assessment is carried out to develop a realistic view of the academic abilities of the child to the parent, and hence to enable realistic planning for the future.

Academic training based on practical everyday needs is the basis of the Slow Learners curriculum.

For the Practical Training Class the criteria of the educational system is in actual fact the meeting of practical needs and training for future integration into the community. The special school curriculum

mentioned above is actually in preparation for the "after school era" through physical skill training, independence training, leisure training, social and emotional development, communication skills & counselling.

In May 1987 subject teaching was introduced, whereby the teachers of the 3 classes exchange classes for 2 hours a week. This is to break the monotony of having the same teacher in the class and to stimulate the students' interests.

Terminal examinations at the end of the 2nd and 3rd terms were introduced and the use of report cards was implemented with only gradings stated. Satisfactory results were obtained. From these examinations it is possible to assess the effectiveness of the new teaching system and methods on the part of the teacher, also the receptive level of the students.

The school section pupils went on several educational outings as part of the new educational programme. Visits were made to the Crocodile Farm, the Botanical Gardens, a Science Exhibition, Printing Press, Supermarkets, Circus and to the 57th floor of KOMTAR. The objectives of these outings are to expose the children to the environment that is outside their homes, also to widen their knowledge and experience on what is taking place there.

THERAPEUTIC CLASS:

Seven adolescents received training in the Therapeutic Class, where the aims are to maximise the rehabilitative potential of the students by teaching them various practical skills with emphasis on work skills.

During the 2nd term we were very fortunate in receiving the voluntary services of Mr. V.P. Kanniah, who with the assistance of three staff — Mrs Bernadette Lau, Mdm Valliammal and Mr. Joseph — conducted counselling sessions for the children.

Practical situations were also provided for the students in community integration. A "Social Night" was organised to give them the opportunity to practise self-help and social skills in a normal situation. In this, the students were not only motivated but enjoyed themselves as well.

On reaching 21 years of age, student Abu Hassan will be placed into the Spastic Workshop in 1988.

PHYSIOTHERAPY:

During the year a total of 86 children were seen in the Physiotherapy Department, 39 in the morning session, 17 in the afternoon session and 30 as outpatients. The morning and afternoon sessions were running very smoothly with children having regular physiotherapy either daily or weekly. However, the Physiotherapy Department was having difficulty with the outpatient sessions as the children there were not receiving enough physiotherapy. Those children were seen only once a month or every two months and is definitely insufficient. These children were referred to the Government hospitals for extra physiotherapy.

Owing to the large increase of children at the Centre, the Association employed an additional Assistant for this Department on a temporary basis to solve the problem.

Parents of outpatients preferred their children to be trained at the Spastic Centre than at the Government Hospitals because they felt that the Centre had better training facilities for cerebral palsied children.

Many children have shown improvement in one way or another. Two children underwent surgery this year.

Numerous training equipment and aids are ordered each year and these included adapted seating, splinting, wheelchairs, standing and walking frames as well as corrective footwear.

A proposal for the setting up of a "Seating Clinic" had been put forward and this was being looked into. The Physiotherapy Department welcomes any new ideas on aids and treatment techniques in the overall training of cerebral palsied children.

SPEECH THERAPY:

During the year 64 children received speech therapy. Twenty seven of them attended the morning sessions, 14 the afternoon sessions and 23 as outpatients on a monthly basis.

This department trains the children to enjoy communicating with each other. Speech is just one of the methods used. Other forms of communication used in this school include hand-sign language, picture communication charts, symbol communication charts, eye pointing charts, and facial expression.

Children with hearing losses have been assessed by Dr. Yee Thiam Sun of the Choong Dispensary. Dr. Yee also services the hearing aids used by the children which is deeply appreciated.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY:

A total of 52 children were treated in the Occupational Therapy Department during the year. Thirty-six were children from the morning session and 16 from the afternoon sessions. As we were unable to employ an Occupational Therapist, no outpatients were treated. General aims of treatment for the children were perceptual training, self-help and functional exercises. Treatment sessions were mostly on an individual basis for half an hour; however, some of the children were also given group therapy.

The Occupational Therapy Department has looked into special equipment and self-help aids for the children. Those found to be successful in the school have been recommended for home use also.

Since June this year, a former Occupational Therapy Assistant, Mrs. Wayne Perera, was employed on a temporary basis to help in the running of the department.

BROWNIES:

Our Brownie Pack is registered as the 14th South District and at present has a total of 9 Brownies. Four of these have received their Golden Bar and the other 5 have received their Golden Ladder badges. We have recruited 2 new Brownies for 1987.

The Brownies took part in a number of events for 1987 namely:—

- (1) a Barbecue/Tea Party at the Centre.
- (2) an outing to the Convent Primary School in Balik Pulau, where they mingled with the Brownies of that school. A durian feast together with a 'Sing-along' session was also held that day.
- (3) a visit to the 57th floor of Komtar, after this they proceeded to have lunch at the Komtar Food Court.
- (4) a visit to the Robert Brothers Circus in Tanjong Tokong.
- (5) attended the Science Exhibition at Komtar.
- (6) a cleaning campaign at Bukit Dumbar as part of our Brownies Community Service.
- (7) a Campfire at the Spastic Centre on 13th November 1987. The Brownies spent a night at the Centre together with the Cubs & Sea Scouts. That gave them an opportunity to be with their friends, to learn to be independent, and to be able to fend for themselves while they were away from home.

CUBS:

The children in the morning school are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities as much as possible such as swimming, games, drama/music & gardening, and to associate also with other uniformed groups i.e. Cubs, Sea-Scouts and Brownies.

Our Clubs' group is the 22nd Georgetown group and now have a total of 6 cubs. This year the Cubs were taught to cook, wash and clean their own utensils. They were also encouraged to participate in other activities such as singing, dancing, and acting, and these motivated them to socialize more.

In November, they joined the Sea-Scouts, Brownies and some of the older students from the Therapeutic Class at the Campfire '87 held at the Centre.

SEA-SCOUTS

There are 13 members in our Sea-Scouts movement. They meet every Thursday afternoon to take part in marching exercises, obstacle courses, simple first-aid, water safety, swimming and singing sessions.

The Sea Scouts also participated in the "Kem Bakti 1987" for the disabled. It was held at the Youth Park and was organised by the State Scouts movement.

This year the group decided to camp at the Spastic Centre. It was a two day function and the highlight was a 'Social Night' which was enjoyed by everyone.

The Sea-Scouts had the opportunity to visit the U.S. Navy Ship when it anchored at the Penang Port. The Sea-Scouts continued to be responsible for the raising of the State Flag at the Spastic Centre daily.

TOY LIBRARY:

We are very grateful to members of the public for their kind donations of new and used toys for this Library.

The toys are loaned out on a weekly basis, and the Library catered more for children from families of the lower income group.

INTEGRATION OF SPASTIC STUDENTS INTO KINDERGARTENS, PRIMARY SCHOOL & EMPLOYEMENT

Since 1975 a total of 33 pupils have been accepted into Kindergartens and 22 into Primary Schools. One pupil was admitted into the Federation School for the Deaf in 1972, and another was placed into the Sri Tanjong School for the Integrated Deaf in 1982. Four of these pupils have returned to the Spastic School as they were unable to adapt to the change.

Seven students have successfully found employment, and three have been accepted into the Pusat Jaya Diri Workshop which is set up by the Social Welfare Department.

CHILD OF THE YEAR

Every year a spastic child is nominated and chosen as the 'CHILD OF THE YEAR' and receives a trophy on the annual Parents Day. The award is based on the most outstanding and overall progress attained by a child during the year.

For this year, the child selected is Teh Kar Wei and looking at him one can not help wonder what is so outstanding about him when he does not walk well, nor is he able to co-ordinate his movements properly. What then is the progress that is so distinctive in him?

This is the School's report:

Teh Kar Wei is 12 years old and was admitted into the Spastic Training Centre in 1978 when he was about 3 years old. At that time, he could not walk, crawl or even stand. He could sit but only with the help of supports on both his sides. His other major handicap was he also could not speak. All in all, his case was considered a difficult one.

Today Kar Wei can walk, wear his own clothes and feed himself. He can speak and takes an active part in swimming, music, gardening and is also a cub member. Because of his physical handicaps, Kar Wei has certain limitations. He cannot hold a pen properly and so is unable to write. However, this was overcome by teaching him to use an electric typewriter. He is now able to communicate by trying out the words and this is most important as this has enabled him to carry out the school work and exercises given to him by his teachers.

Kar Wei's ability and success lie in his strength and determination to succeed and not give up until he attained his goal. In recognition of his excellent performance and determination, he was named the 'CHILD OF THE YEAR'.

Of course, Kar Wei's progress does not depend on himself alone. The efforts of his teachers and therapists, and most of all, the encouragement and co-operation from his parents played a very large part in his rehabilitation. The staff of the Spastic Training Centre and his parents are very happy and proud of Kar Wei and his progress. And so are we!



Teh Kar Wei



Working with an electric typewriter.

FUND SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1962—1987

SPASTIC 10K CHARITY RUN



OPENING CEREMONY

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Every year a special child is nominated and chosen as the "CHILD OF THE YEAR" and receives a trophy on the annual Parents Day. The award is based on the most outstanding and helpful progress



The winners of the award are given a trophy.



There and large part of the celebration was held at the school.



TEA RECEPTION

OPENING CEREMONY

FUND RAISING EVENTS

SPASTIC 10K CHARITY RUN



The enthusiastic participants at the start of Spastic 10k. Charity Run on 14-6-87.



Dr. Sak Cheng Lum presenting a prize to a spastic girl, Tan Siew Gnoh, who completed the 10k. jog organised by the Spastic Children's Association on 14-6-87. Mrs Lim Say Huat, the Vice-President, looked on.

SILVER JUBILEE FOOD CARNIVAL



H.E. Tun Datuk Dr. Haji Awang bin Hassan T.Y.T. Yang Dipertua Negeri Pulau Pinang at the Japanese Food stall put up by the Japanese Consulate General. H.E. The Japanese Consul General and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Gohachiro Shono and Mrs. Chan Kok Swee accompanied the Governor.



SPORTING EVENTS

ANNUAL SPORTS



TEA RECEPTION

ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

*Japanese Fan Dance
by Hilmi Yatus Suada*



Percussion Band on Parents' Day 1987.

These two gentlemen didn't come from Saudi Arabia, but they were spastics taking part in a concert on Parents' Day.



Concert Performance by the Spastic Pupils



These two Red Indians did look fierce! They were doing the war dance.



Though in wheelchairs, each of them was given a part in the concert on Parents' Day.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SPASTIC CHILDREN



Miss Angeline Regis, an assistant therapist in charge of girl guides, having a singing with movements session together with her new guides.



Puan Helen Rajoo a teacher having a session with her charge in the Toy Library



Education



Spastic children learn to do gardening, at the Centre.



Co-Curricular Activities of Sea Scouts at the Spastic Centre under supervision of teachers, Miss Looi Oon Lee and Mrs. Ramamurthy.



Spastic Scouts practising first-aid.

PRESS PUBLICITY

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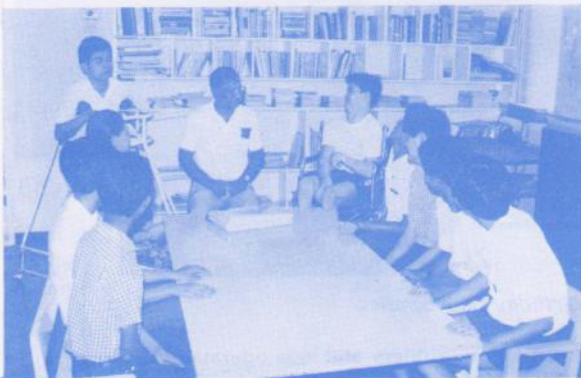
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Mrs. Indira Patel

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Mrs. J. Gunkel

Mr. Khor Eng Guan
Mr. S. Balasupramaniam
Mrs. V.P. Kanniah



Datin S. Vanniasingham receiving a token of appreciation.



Mr. V. P. Kanniah conducting his weekly counselling with the spastic adults.



Mrs. Jennifer Soo Kar Wong, our new and active volunteer assisting in the Ex-pupils' Workshop.



Mrs. J. Gunkel assisting in the Therapeutic Class.



Mr. Khor Eng Guan (second from left) taking spastic children to meet their foster parents.

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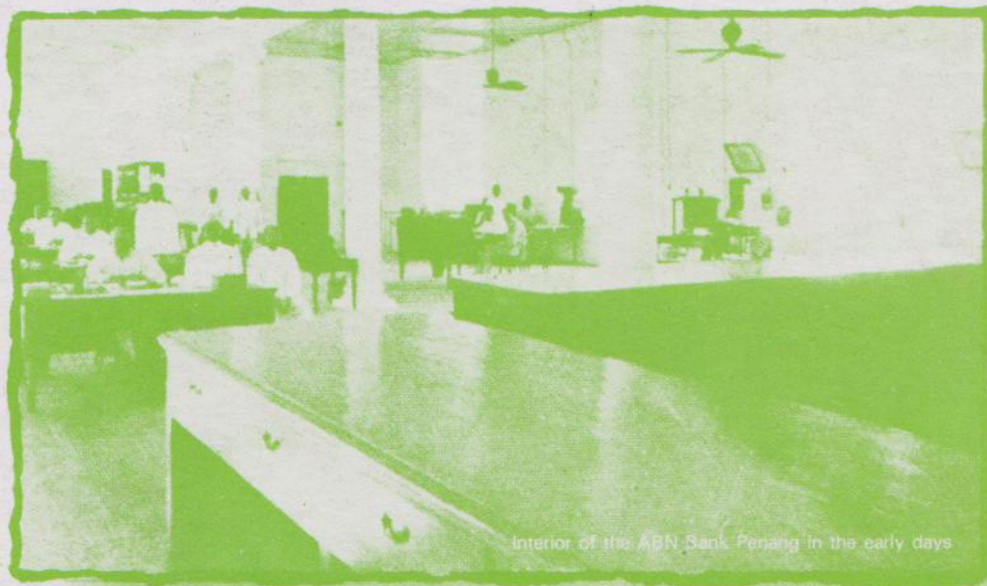
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