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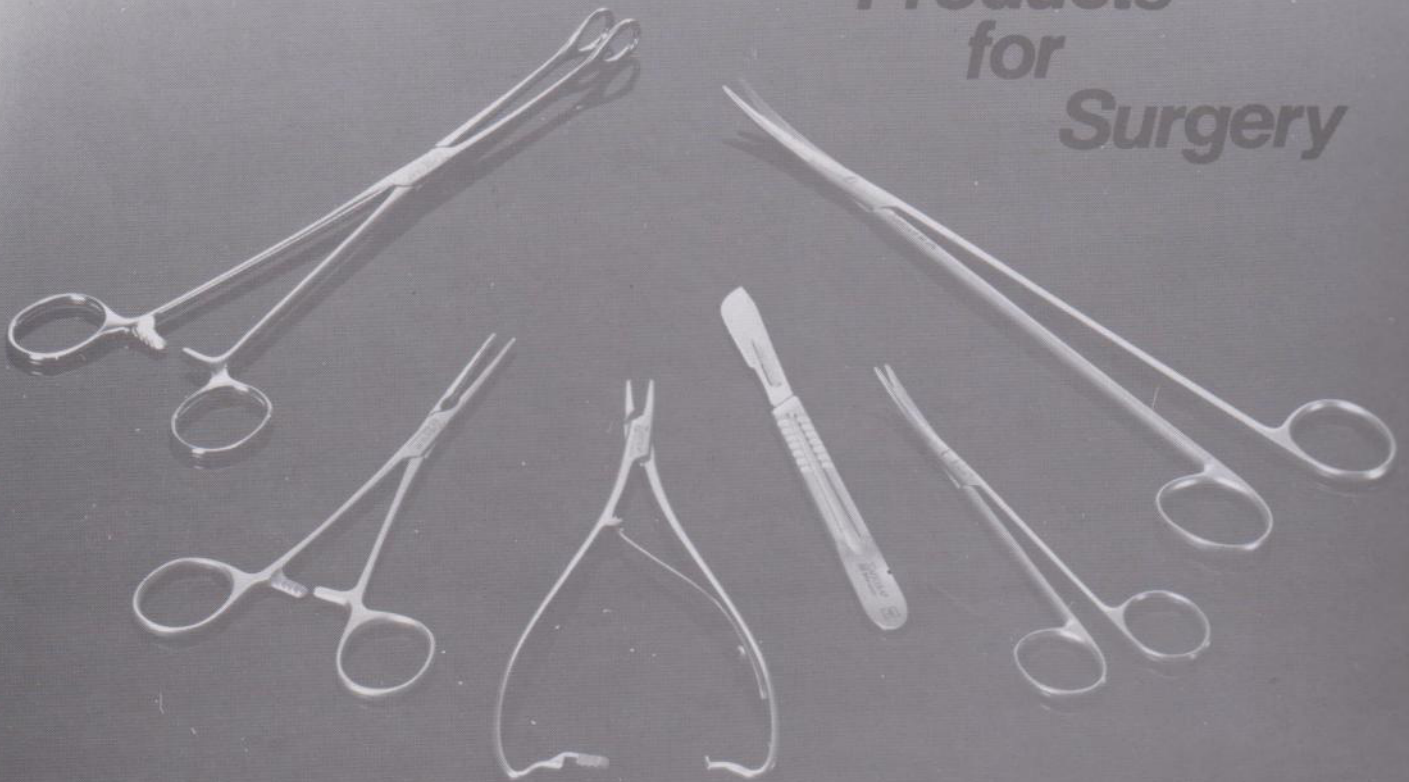


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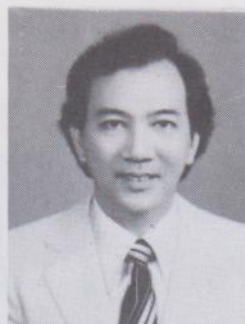
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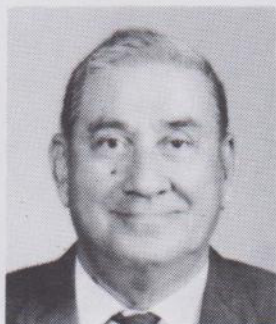
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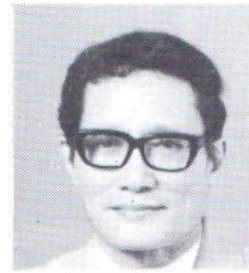
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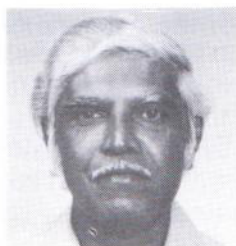


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1988

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Annual Report of the Association ending 31st December, 1988.

This year was a quiet and restful one for the Association after being actively engaged in the 1962-1987 Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Association which was carried out in the previous year.

FINANCE

Our Annual Accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure of \$162,694.93; a large portion of it which amount to \$110,731.00 was raised by the Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee last year and that latter sum was only transferred into the Association's Account this year. The actual excess income for this year is only \$51,963.93. Due to the continued low interest rate for our fixed deposits, our income from this source yielded only \$43,834.57.

Our main source of income is still from the Foster Parents Scheme and through the 'irresistible appeal' of Mr. V.S. Bastion, our Vice-President and also Chairman of this project, \$157,837.47 was raised for the Association. We are, as always, very grateful and dependent on his special services and conscientious efforts to build up the financial reserve of the Association. We wish him all the energy and success to keep our supply-line flowing. We appreciate very much all the support given by our foster-parents towards this scheme.

GOVERNMENT GRANT

Our Association continues to receive annual grants from our Government through the Ministry of Welfare Services. We are fortunate and thankful to the Government for increasing our grant this year from \$26,572.00 to \$35,770.00, and also for the nine-tenth contribution of \$25,849.20 for the salaries of our four teachers serving in the School section. Both these grants help to subsidise 25.9% of our total expenditure of \$237,756.19 for the year.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

A protem committee, comprising representatives of three Spastic Children's Associations from Johore, Selangor & Federal Territory and Penang, was formed on 2.7.88 to discuss and to decide on the formation of a National Council Of Spastic Children's Associations In Malaysia. Several attempts were made in the past, as early as in 1969, to form this national body but were not successful because of insufficient numbers. The protem committee held its first meeting in Selangor and the second in Penang where the draft constitution of the National Council was approved and adopted for registration.

The objective of the Council is to co-ordinate and introduce the progressive improvement of policies and implementation of services governing the education, rehabilitation, and general welfare of the spastic children with the consensus of member organisations.

NATIONAL SPORTS FOR THE DISABLED

The organisers of the National Sports for the Disabled have agreed that every state in the country should be given an opportunity to host the sports; the first was held in Kuala Lumpur, then Penang and the recent one held on 10.4.88 took place in Kota Bharu, Kelantan. Although aware that the journey would be a long and tiring one, our spastic children and accompanying staff members accepted the challenge to face whatever difficulties that would arise in order to participate in the sports. It was an interesting and educational trip for the children to visit the East Coast and also an experience to travel along the much talked about East-West Highway. Apart from doing quite well in the sports meet, the trip was one that they would not forget easily.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE ABROAD

Our Spastic Centre is still short of therapists to provide adequate training for our spastic children. Our repeated advertisements for them have not received any response and we are, therefore, compelled to appeal to foreign service organisations to help us out. The Volunteer Service Abroad of New Zealand has been sending us speech therapists to our Spastic Centre since 1983 and the last one, Ms. Janice Griffioen, left us in December this year after serving for almost four years. The service organisation is helping us again by looking for a suitable person to fill the vacancy. We thank Ms. Griffioen very much for her dedicated services and hope that her experiences in Malaysia will benefit and enhance her future life and working career in her country.

We are very pleased to disclose that Volunteer Service Abroad has arranged to send over an occupational-therapist and a teacher of special education for a term of two years. Their services will be shared on a rotation basis by our Centre, the School for the Mentally Retarded and the Handicapped Children Centre. Once again, we wish to express our deep appreciation to Volunteer Service Abroad for their kind assistance in fulfilling our urgent need for the therapists.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

It is with great sadness that we record the demise of one of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. Arulanantham. His sudden death on 12.8.88 came as a great shock to everyone who knew him as he appeared normal and healthy all the time. His death is a great loss to our Association where he was recognised and respected as a sincere, dedicated and hardworking member of the Management Committee. We shall miss him very much at our meetings and functions at the Spastic Centre. Our Association would like to convey its deepest sympathies to his beloved wife and bereaved family.

Arising out of Mr. Arulanantham's death, there was a reshuffle in the Management Committee. Mr. Law Joo Kuen who had served very efficiently and conscientiously as the Honorary Treasurer for 14 years was appointed as a Vice-President to fill the vacancy. We are pleased that Mr. Ooi Hoay Seng, a qualified Accountant and partner of Kassim Chan & Co., has agreed to be our new Honorary Treasurer.

Datuk Haji Zainal Alam bin Haji Zainal Abidin, a member with vast experience in public relations and entertainment, was co-opted into the Committee to upgrade the functions held at the Spastic Centre and also our relationship with the general public.

We welcome Paediatrician Dr. Adele Tan and Orthodontist Dr. Fong Kheng Phoy to join our panel of consultants to help us in looking after the health and welfare of our spastic children.

Our Association extends its congratulations to the following members for being conferred with awards by Tuan Yang Terutama Yang Di Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang on his birthday:-

Mr. Khor Moh Hang	Pingat Jasa Kebaktian (PJK)
Dr. Tan Chee Khuan	Pingat Kebaktian Terpuji (PKT)
Mrs. K.E.M.Hussain	Pingat Jasa Kebaktian (PJK)

and also to our Honorary Adviser, Tan Sri Datuk Loh Boon Siew who was bestowed with Darjah Panglima Setia Mahkota (DSPM) by Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Sultan Iskandar Yang DiPertuan Agong.

CONCLUSION

My task as a President of the Association for the past three years has been an easy and a pleasant one and this is largely due to the full support and co-operation I received from my Committee, staff and volunteers at the Spastic Centre. It has always been a pleasure to work with them as a team and I am deeply grateful to them all for carrying out their duties so willingly and efficiently and, most of all, to uphold the good image of our Association.

We wish to express our appreciation to Messrs Herbert J. Ho & Co., our Honorary Auditor, for keeping our financial records true and sound. Our heartfelt thanks go to our Honorary Medical Advisers and Consultants who have devoted their time to attend to our handicapped children who required treatment.

Besides providing training for the children, our Association has done much to publicise the work that is being carried out at the Spastic Centre and, at the same time, educate the public and young parents on the causes and prevention of cerebral palsy (spasticity) to infants. Periodic lectures on cerebral palsy are given by our Honorary Medical Adviser, Dr. Wee Ch'ng Keow Hiang, to nurses receiving maternity training at the General Hospital and other relevant groups dealing with children welfare. It is our hope that, through them, there will be a decrease in the number of such cases in the future.

All the services and training for our spastic children would not have been possible without the assistance and support from our donors, foster-parents, service clubs, schools, banks and offices, factories, private companies and organisations, the Press and all those who have, in one way or another, contributed towards the progress of our Association. We are deeply grateful to all of them for their help.

In concluding my report, I wish to express our special thanks to our Patron, Tuan Yang Terutama Yang DiPertua Negeri Pulau Pinang, Tun Datuk Dr. Haji Awang bin Hassan for his kindness and support given to all our activities. His sincerity, encouragement and concern for the welfare of the handicapped spastic children has touched the hearts of everyone concerned and we wish him good health always and may God bless him.

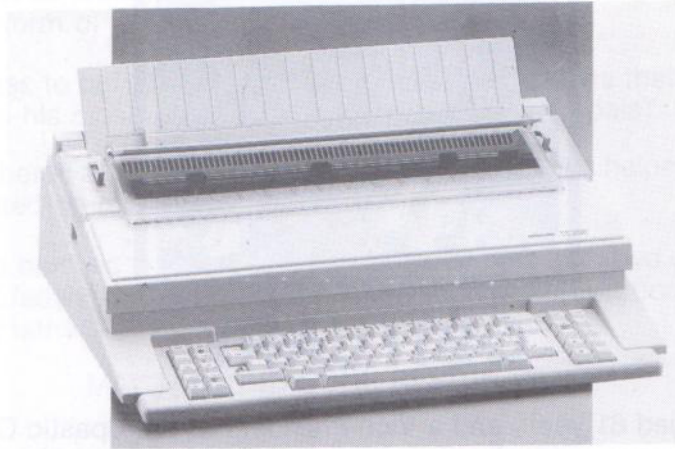
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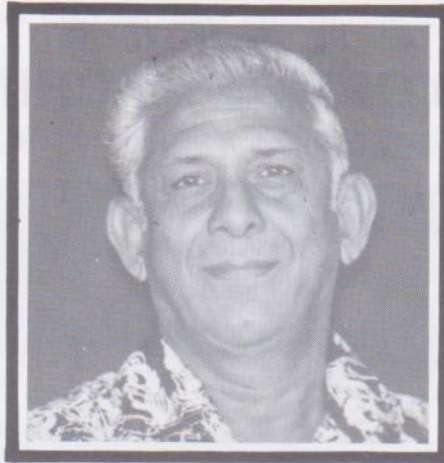
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OBITUARY

A. ARULANANTHAM, aged 61 years and a Vice-President of the Spastic Children's Association of Penang, passed away very suddenly after an unexpected heart attack in the early morning of 12 August, 1988.

Born in Seremban on 11 September 1927, Arul, as he was popularly known, had his early education in Penang and completed his studies at the Penang Free School in 1947. His first job was as a technician with the Department of Telecommunications where, after serving a few years, he resigned to further his studies at the Technical College in Kuala Lumpur. He graduated in 1957 and was employed as a Technical Assistant in the same department in Johore. In 1959, he obtained a transfer back to Penang and was later promoted to a Special Grade. He retired from Government service in 1982.

His 20 years' involvement with the Spastic Children's Association began in 1968 during which time he served first as a member of the Management Committee and was subsequently appointed as a Vice-President in 1982.

A person of principles and strict discipline, Arul was highly respected for his fairness and fast action. The Association recognised him as one with good sense of responsibilities and judgment and has very frequently asked him to head most of the fund raising projects. In addition to assisting in the other projects, he was chairman of the following sub-committees:-

1972	Cent-a-metre-Swim	1976	Spastic Lottery
1973	Flag Day	1979	Brick Fund Walkathon
1974	Walkathon	1987	Spastic 10K Charity Run
1975	Flair Fashion Show		

Arul was also popular and highly regarded by members of the various communities and the many voluntary organisations that he was associated with. As described by a very close and dear friend of his, Arul "will be best remembered by his hosts of friends and colleagues for his ever pleasant disposition, his spontaneous extension of a helping hand whenever help was needed, the sound counselling that he dispensed freely and, most of all, for acting up to his firm convictions without fear or favour".

The following are the organisations that he had given his services to:-

Technical Association of Malaysia	1965 - 1988
Hindu Youth Organisation	1959 - 1988
Old Frees' Association	1960 - 1969
Comets Athelitics Club	1976 - 1988
Starwalk	1978 - 1987
MAS International Marathon, Penang	1982 - 1988
Malaysian School Sports Council	1969 - 1985
Malaysian Amateur Athelitic Union	1969 - 1977
PAKAT (Telecoms Athelitic & Welfare Association)	1960 - 1988

Besides giving his services to the above organisations, he had also extended them willingly to sports and competitions that were organised by Government departments, schools, banks, factories, etc. He had devoted his time so readily and had no thought or desire to be in the limelight or to equate his services with any form of reward, recognition or award.

His death is a great loss to our Association, the many organisations that needed his assistance and services, and also his close group of "happy hours drinking pals".

He will be long remembered at the Spastic Centre as a true and kind helper of the spastic children to whom he has devoted so much of attention and love.

Arul is survived by his beloved wife, Madam A. Akilambihai, a son, two daughters and a grand-child. To his bereaved family, our Association expresses its heartfelt condolence for the loss of a loving husband and father.

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Absent: Mrs. Anthony Muthu, Mrs. Diana Leong



SUPERVISOR'S REPORT 1988



Spastic Centre: Throughout the year the children and staff were, as usual, involved in many varied activities and functions both within and outside the Centre.

These included Teacher's Day which was celebrated with an excellent concert performed by the teaching staff in May.

The first Girl Guides from our school were enrolled by the Penang State Girl Guides Commissioner in June.

A very successful Parent & Teacher's Get-together was held at the Centre in July. This provided both the parents and teachers an opportunity to get to know each other better, and at the same time benefit was gained from the meeting with the exchange of ideas and opinions expressed.

In October the children and staff participated in a number of events in conjunction with the 'National Welfare Month' which included an Exhibition, Competitions and Concerts, then concluded with an Open Day on 16th October 1988.

STAFF: Two additional staff commenced in new posts this year — Miss Betsy Foo Juat Lan was employed in May as the Workshop Co-Ordinator, and Mr. K. Saravanan as the General Accounts Clerk in November 1988. Otherwise there were minimum changes in staff during the year.

Once again we were unable to find suitably qualified personnel for two key posts at the Centre — an Occupational Therapist and a Social Worker. We hope to solve this problem soon, to enable us to continue providing the high standard of treatment and rehabilitation programmes catering for the special needs of the ever increasing number of children.

APPROVED STAFF FOR 1988

Supervisor	— 1
Office Clerk	— 1
Receptionist/Clerk	— 1
Accounts Clerk	— 1
Teachers (through Govt.)	— 4
Teaching Assistants	— 4
Physiotherapist	— 1
Physiotherapist (through Govt.)	— vacant
Speech therapist (part-time)	— 1
Occupational therapist (part-time)	— 1
Occupational therapist (through Govt.)	— vacant
Therapy Assistants	— 9
Workshop Co-ordinator	— 1
Social Worker	— vacant
Drivers	— 3
Domestic/Attendants	— 4
Caretaker	— 1
Gardener	— 1

Medical: During 1988 a total of 27 children were examined by our doctors. Of these 9 children were admitted for special training and therapy.

Except for 5 children who were not cerebral palsied, the rest were accepted for outpatient treatment and attended every 3-4 weeks. At the end of the year there were 43 outpatients. Ten children were discharged for the following reasons.

Non-Attendance	— 2
Parents transferred	— 1
Irregular attendance	— 5
Employment	— 1
Transferred to another Centre	— 1
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Cerebral Palsy cases admitted in 1988:

Age Group	Male	Female	Malay	Chinese	Indian	Total
3 - 4 years	2		1	1		2
5 years	1	1		1	1	2
6 years		3	1	2		3
9½ years		1	1			1
13 years	1			1		1
	4	5	3	5	1	9

As always, we extend our gratitude to Dr. Peter Tan Ewe Aik, Dr. Wee Ch'ng Keow Hiang and Dr. Charles Ong Ewe Chye, our Hon. Medical Consultants, for continuing to spare their precious time by attending to the various medical problems of the children each week.

We express our deep appreciation also to the following specialists for their kind assistance and co-operation during the year:

Dr. Lim Huck Boon	— Ophthalmologist
Dr. Santokh Singh	— E.N.T. Surgeon
Dr. Easaw Thomas	— Orthopaedic Surgeon — G.H. Penang
Dr. Daljit Singh Nagreh	— Dermatologist
Dental Surgeons	— Adventist Hospital
Dr. Yee Thiam Sum	— Choong Dispensary
Dr. Fong Kheng Phoy	— Orthodontist
Dr. Adele Tan	— Paediatrician
Dental Surgeon & Nurses	— Perak Road Clinic

Within the hearts of all these dedicated people, lies that timeless compassion that has always characterized the medical profession.

INTRODUCTORY CLASSES I & II

The young children in these two classes are exposed to as wide a range of appropriate every day experience as possible, which will also be of benefit to them within their home environment.

Basic education and out-door sessions are part of their programme and taught through play activities.

Home visits are often made, also team meetings are held together with the parents when necessary.



"Wendy House" to encourage play.



"outdoor play activities"



"Domestic Science" lesson.

PRE-SCHOOL

In this class academic training is stressed upon, followed by practical every-day self-help skills. Education for the children is individualised and aimed at preparing them for future independence.

A multi-sensory approach and an Individual Education Plan is used to set programmes and goals for each child. The syllabus consists of Motor, Cognitive, Social/Emotional, Communication/Language and self-help skills which are integrated into specific subjects under each topic for the individual child.

SCHOOL SECTION

There are 3 classes namely the Academic Class (Merah), Slow Learners Class (Hijau) and Practical Training Class (Biru) that make up the school section.

Kelas Merah



Kelas Hijau



Kelas Biru

The criteria of the programme here is to follow as closely as possible the normal school education curriculum, but at the pace of the individual child. Together with the normal school education curriculum, the students here are also given practical and social training to help them to develop skills for future integration into the community, especially for the 'after school era' and learn to be independent whenever possible.



Learning to trade in Commercial studies (amalan Perdagangan)



Acquiring table manners during a Kemahiran Social lesson.



Studying of fresh water plants during 'Man and Environment' (Alam dan Manusia)

Making use of waste materials to make useful utensils and equipment (Pertukangan Tangan)



As part of their practical and social training, trips and visits are organised for the students by the Centre. Such educational trips and visits are normally joint efforts from the public represented by members of Clubs,

Associations and establishments. This year the students were taken to the Istana Di Raja in Alor Setar, Kedah as well as for a Penang Harbour Cruise. These trips were sponsored by the Public Bank and the Lions Club of Penang respectively.



Sing-A-Long Session on Board the Ferry.

From such outings the students are given exposure to the environment outside their homes. Through these exposures they get to

widen their knowledge and experience on what is taking place in the outside world.

CO-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

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|----------------------|---|---|
| 1. Sea Scouts | — | Mr. Joseph Mariadason, Ms. Looi Oon Lee |
| 2. Girl Guides | — | Ms. Angeline Regis |
| 3. Cubs | — | Ms. Jessie Lye |
| 4. Brownies | — | Mrs. Helen Rajoo, Mrs. Bernadette Lau |
| 5. Swimming | — | Mr. Joseph Mariadason |
| 6. Gardening | — | Mrs. Bernadette Lau |
| 7. Music | — | Mrs. Bernadette Lau |
| 8. Drama and Dancing | — | Ms. Looi Oon Lee |

SEA-SCOUTS

This year there were 9 members in the Sea Scouts movement. As in previous years the Sea Scouts took part actively in the various activities that were prepared and planned for them. Apart from the usual singing, marching and flag-raising exercises, the Sea Scouts were taught some simple first-aid, water safety and knots. They were also drilled in obstacle courses. Their skills in these obstacle courses were tested when they teamed up with the boys from the Paya Terubong Asrama during their visit to the Centre during the latter part of the year.



"Selvaraju going through the 'Commando mud crawl' obstacle."

Soon Beng ready to try his hand at 'canoeing'.



Their skills and determination in 'survival' were further tested, when 4 of our members took part in "Kem Interaksi SAA" (Special And Able) 1988 organized by The Malaysian Outward Bound Youth Association Penang Branch, which was held at the Camp Coronation during the first term holidays. Through this camp, our Scouts were able to integrate with able-bodied participants who were surprised at their capability and determination. Our students received certificates for participation.

We are also very proud of our Sea-Scouts Captain Tan Soon Beng, who answered the call "To Save a Life". Soon Beng took part in the Swimathon to raise funds for the 'hole in the heart' patients at the Adventist Hospital. Soon Beng completed the 500m distance at Gurney Drive, and in the process collected \$120.00.

The final activity for the year was the Social Night cum Camp at the Spastic Centre. With the funds collected this year, the Sea-Scouts together with the Girl-Guides and students from the Therapeutic Class, organized this event. Students and staff from the Handicapped Children's Centre were also invited. It was truly a memorable night of fun, laughter and dancing.



The band in attendance "The Footnotes" providing the music for the night.



Dancing to the "Rhythm of the Night".

GIRL GUIDES

Through the initiative of staff member Miss Angeline Regis, the first Girl Guides Company was formed at the Spastic Centre in 1988. The girl guides company is registered as the 31st South District Company. The enrolment ceremony took place at the Spastic Centre where the guides solemnly took their pledge before the Girl Guides District Commissioner Mrs. Rosalind Hwang on 8th June 1988.

There are a total of 10 girls in the Company, eight were former Brownies. The company is divided into two groups namely — 'Bunga Orchid' and 'Bunga Raya'. Two patrol leaders are appointed to lead each group.

All ten Guides have passed and received their Tender Foot badges, and at present are preparing for their second class badges.

Our guides participated in worthwhile and exciting activities indoors as well as out of doors. Their events were:

- 1) celebrating the annual Thinking Day ceremony at S.M. Convent Green Lane on 28th February, 1988.
- 2) The patrol leaders attended their training at S.M. Convent Green Lane on 6th March, 1988.

- 3) An outing to Bukit Dumbar on 7th July, 1988.
- 4) Social Night/Camp on 29th October, 1988. The Guides enjoyed this camp night at the Centre together with the Sea Scouts' and other students.
- 5) Our activities during Thursday meetings were:
forming horse-shoe formation, marching, stalking, learning to tie knots, correct use of hand signals and whistle, Guide history, flags of Malaysia, simple crafts, housekeeping and singing sessions.
- 6) During the third term our Girl Guides, successfully proceeded on to the second class badge where they are learning flag raising, fire lighting and simple first aid.



Looking proud in uniform are the guides of the Spastic Centre.



Patricia Koh takes her pledge before Girl Guides District Commissioner Mrs. R. Hwang during the enrolment ceremony on 8th June '88.

The guides practising First Aid.



CUBS

This year 7 members were enrolled into the Cubs movement. Unlike previous years, the activities included more outings and participation in social activities outside the school namely:

1. Boy Scouts Jamboree '88 held at the Coronation Camp Site.
2. Campfire gathering held at the Y.M.C.A.
3. Day trip to Alor Setar, visiting the palace and other historical sites and buildings.
4. Harbour Cruise to the Penang Bridge.
5. 'Burger' treat at A & W Family Restaurant.

Such outings and activities have helped to improve the students' social skills and attitudes, they will be looking forward to more such activities next year.



The swinging Cubs of the Sekolah Sepastik.



Visit to the Istana together with other uniform units.

BROWNIES

Our 14th South District Brownie Pack has a total of 6 new Brownies who have been recruited only this year.

The Brownies took part in a number of events during the year:

1. Outing to Bukit Dumbar — "Clean the Park" Campaign.
2. Outing to Youth Park for nature study.
3. Educational visit to Alor Setar together with the Girl Guides, Cubs and Sea Scouts.
4. Outing to Gurney Drive to collect shells and sea sand for the Aquarium.
5. Ice-Cream treat at Tip-Top Restaurant.

The Brownie Guiders attended a Course at the Girl Guides Headquarters on the 4th and 5th April 1987.



Brownie
Ring

Gardening



GARDENING

The Gardening Club was formed to encourage the students to take part in beautifying their school premises. The Club carries out its activities every Thursday afternoon from 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. A duty roster has been prepared for the students. Activities for this year include:

1. Painting a shed and decorating it with potted plants.
2. Maintaining the rock garden.
3. Planting some fruit trees on the plot of land allotted to the Club.

DRAMA AND DANCING CLUB

Members of the Drama Club meet every Thursday from 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. to cultivate their talents in acting and dancing. This year the Club was proud to have 4 of its members selected by the Welfare Department to take part in the Welfare Month Concert held at the Dewan Sri Pinang.

For the National Concert in conjunction with the Welfare Month, our student singer, Yeoh Boon Leng and our 2 dancers Chooi Wei Leng and Hilmiyatus Suada, took part in the audition held at the auditorium RTM. Although they were not selected, nevertheless it gave them good exposure and experience. We hope that in 1989 we will be able to participate in more such events.



MUSIC CLUB

Besides music education being carried out during the school curriculum, a music club has been formed to further enhance music appreciation among the students. Members meet on Tuesdays. Musical instruments provided by the Ministry of Education have indeed been put into full use especially during concerts.

THERAPEUTIC CLASS

Nine children received training in the Therapeutic Class this year where the aims are to maximise the rehabilitative potential of each student by teaching them various practical skills with emphasis on work skills.

This year we were very fortunate to have Miss Mariko Shimomura a part-time Occupational Therapist, to help train the students in basketry where they were successful in making a few trays and baskets for sale.

During the 2nd term, one student successfully found employment at the N.S. factory as a Kitchen Attendant.

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

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Approximately 17 children attended the afternoon sessions which have been divided into 3 groups:

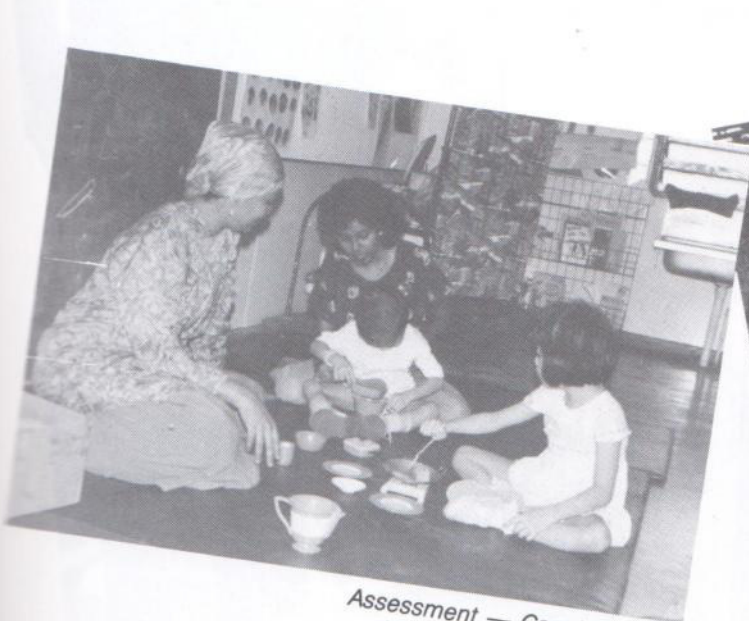
- Assessment — 6 months observation and assessment of each child — later promoted into Pre-Entry.
- Pre-Entry — preparing the child for the morning session.
- Special Class — this class is specially designed for children who are not able to attend the morning classes, however they benefit from social interaction and various activities of daily living.



Social interaction



Water play



Assessment — Cognitive skills



Outdoor games

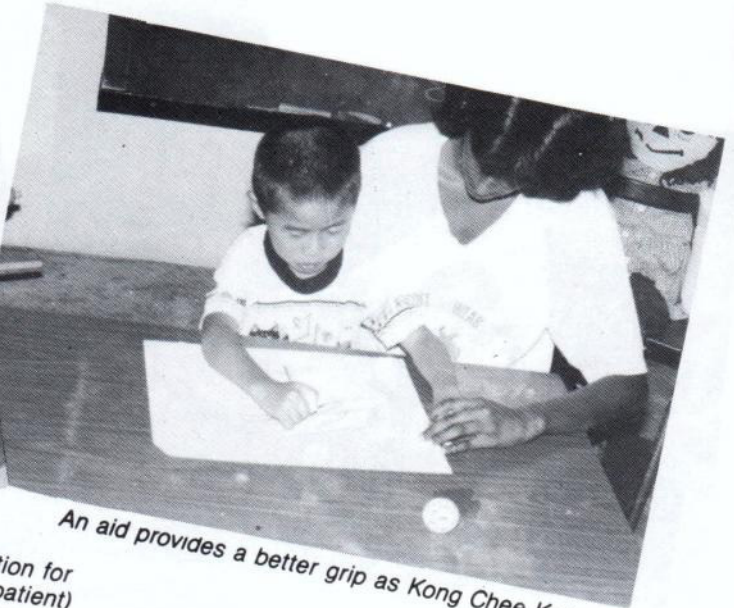
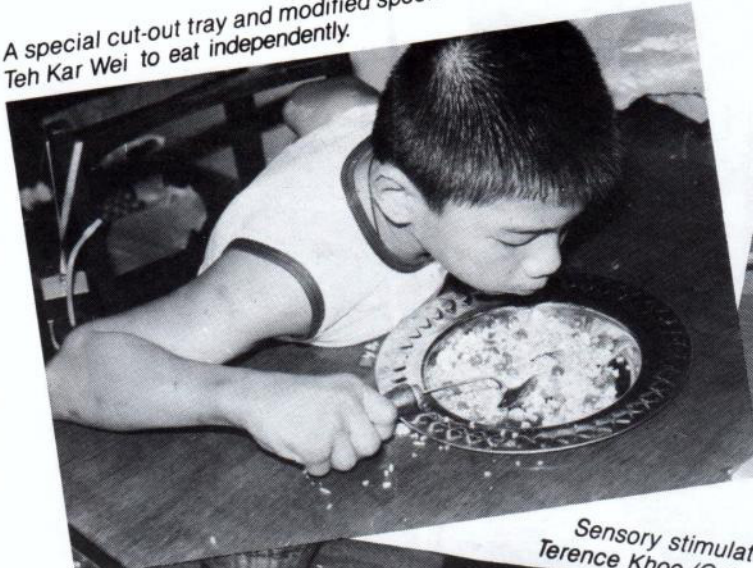
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

A total number of 90 children were treated in the Occupational Therapy Department during the year, 37 in the morning sessions, 15 in the afternoon sessions and 38 as outpatients.

Therapy treatments are on sensory stimulation, cognitive, motor functions, self-care and work performance. Treatments are mostly on an individual basis for half hour sessions, however 15 children from the morning sessions were also given group therapy once a week.

New equipment and aids are looked into and acquired for the benefits of some children. Hand and finger splints were made for several students.

A special cut-out tray and modified spoon enables Teh Kar Wei to eat independently.



An aid provides a better grip as Kong Chee Keong writes.

Sensory stimulation for Terence Khoo (Out-patient)



Occupational Therapist Miss Mariko Shimomura helping Shahril to balance in sitting position.



Gross co-ordination exercise with the ring board.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

A total of 120 students attend the Spastic School for education and therapeutic training. Out of the total census, 87 received physiotherapy.

Hydrotherapy is also an important part of the children's educational curriculum, as it is accepted for its recreational, physical and character building values, such as, self confidence, courage, skill, determination and endurance. It is also universally recognised as the best all-round exercise.

Hydrotherapy for the young is merely recreational, for some it is to strengthen their organs of respiration and also as a resisted exercise for their limbs. The adults take hydrotherapy or swimming more as a sporting activity, participating in swimathons and Sports Meets for the handicapped.

41 outpatients come in for physiotherapy on a rotation basis approximately once in every 3 weeks.

Out of the 41 outpatients 15 are living on the mainland as far as Nibong Tebal, Taiping and Kedah.

The opening of the Sungai Patani Centre made it easier for us to refer one or two of our cases to them. However some C. Palsy children still come here for training due to the availability of the special facilities and the rehabilitation team of workers.

We are very fortunate to have Dr. E. Thomas, the Orthopaedic Surgeon, visiting us once in a while to review our cases, making various recommendations and also to help us out with problem cases.

Children attending physiotherapy have shown progress in various ways.

SPEECH THERAPY

During the year 73 children received speech therapy, 28 of them attended the morning session, 12 in the afternoon sessions and 23 out-patients come in on a monthly basis.

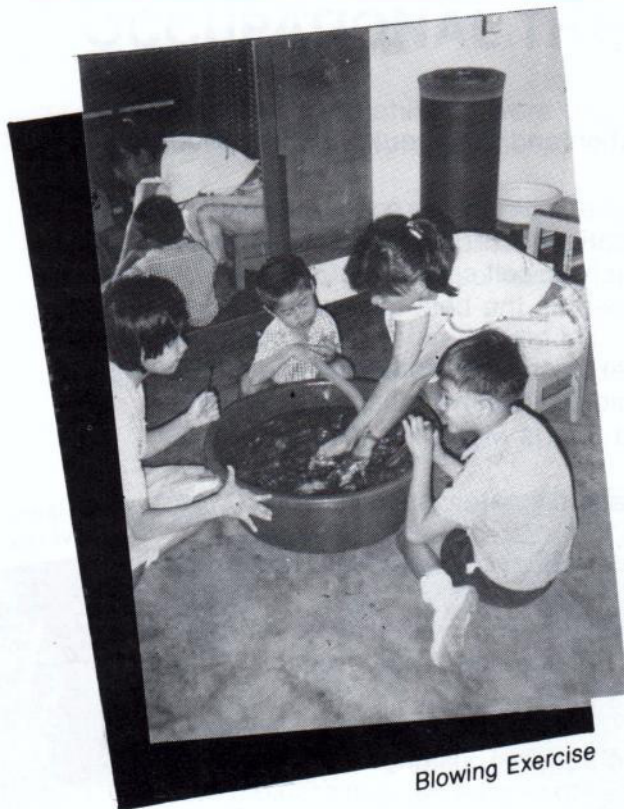
This department trains the children to enjoy communicating with each other.

Speech is just one of the methods used. Other forms of communication used in this school includes makaton handsign language, picture and symbol communication charts, word charts and eye pointing charts.



Speech Therapist Miss Janice Griffioen conducting a one day Makaton Seminar for the staff.

Makaton Seminar



Breathing exercises are ideally taught through play. A group of children with poor breath control are taught to blow using various sizes of tubing. This also strengthens the lip muscles. Good lip closure is needed for drinking and speaking.

We were sad to say farewell to our Speech Therapist, Miss Janice Griffioen, who left Penang to return home to New Zealand in December 1988.



TOY LIBRARY

Each week the Toy Library is opened to allow young pupils to borrow toys of their choice to take home for a limited period only.

This Library caters more for children whose families come from the lower income group.

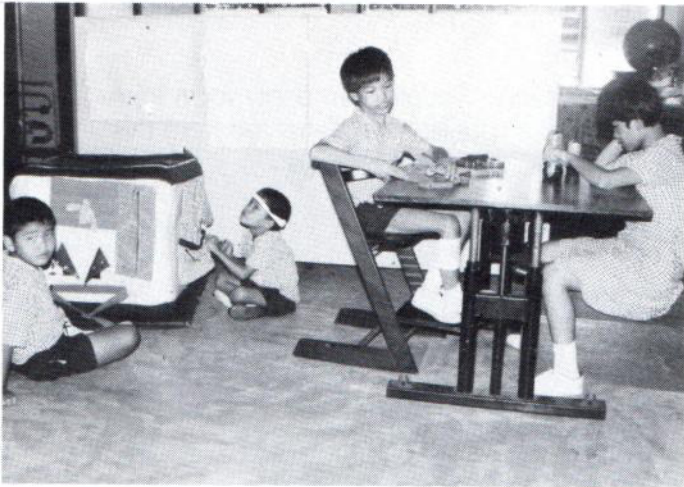
It also encourages parents to help stimulate their young ones when at home.

We are finding a shortage of toys due to the increase of children at the Centre, and would therefore appreciate any further donations of new or good second-hand toys for the children's continued enjoyment and benefit.



Toys and games available in the Toy Library at the Spastic Centre.

Occupational Therapy



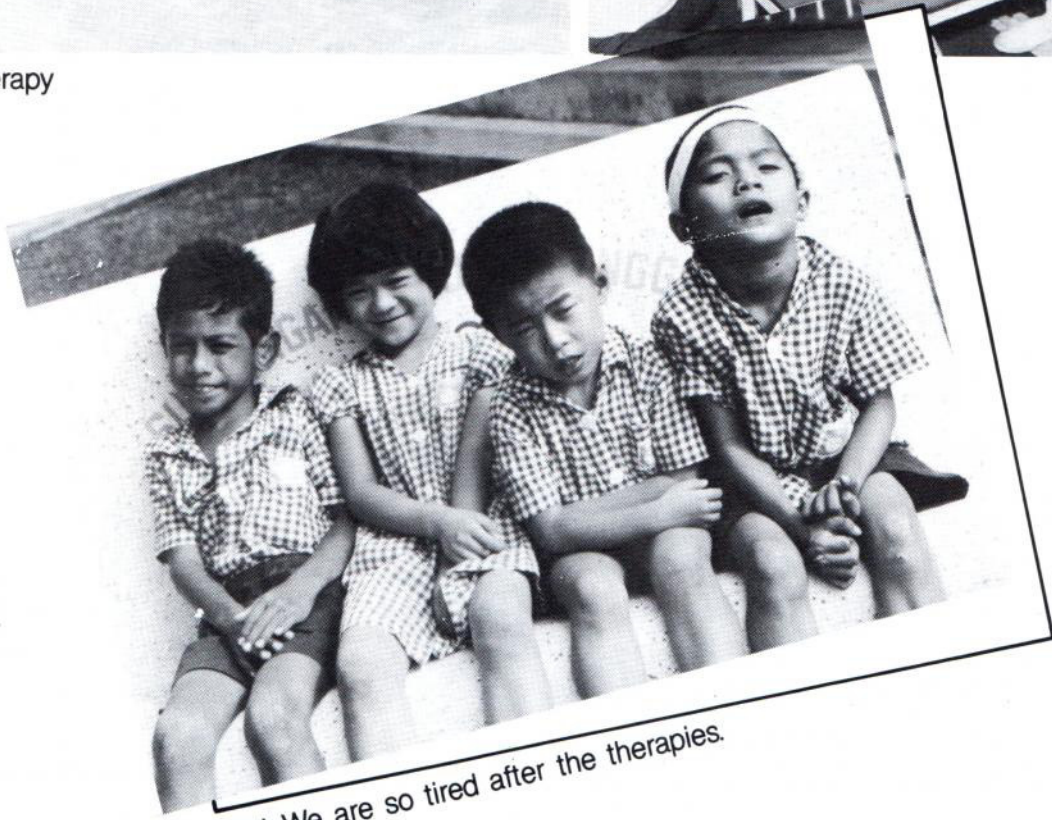
Physical Exercise



Hydrotherapy



Speech Therapy



Oh! We are so tired after the therapies.

SPASTIC WORKSHOP

The Spastic Workshop is set up to encourage our ex-pupils who are capable of carrying out appropriate work to help them gain some degree of financial independence and to prepare them for outside employment.

At the Spastic Centre there is an Ex-Pupils' Loan Scheme from which ex-pupils can apply for a loan to make use of as capital to start a small business or work. Several ex-pupils have benefited from this scheme which was sponsored by the New Zealand High Commission in Malaysia.



Joe Scully the artist with some of his work jigsaw boards.

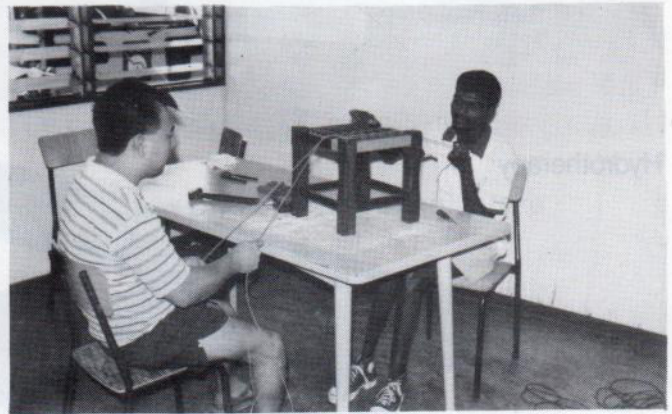


Roger Looi Thiam Huat, the sundry shop "towkay" operating his provision shop at the Centre.

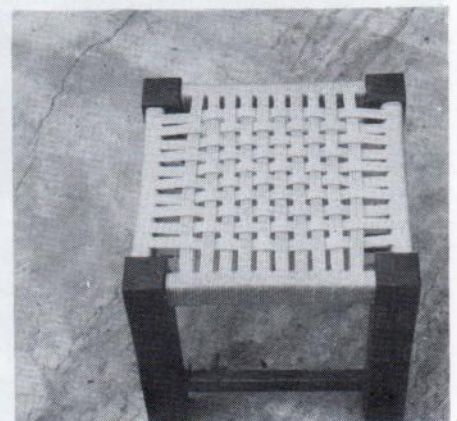
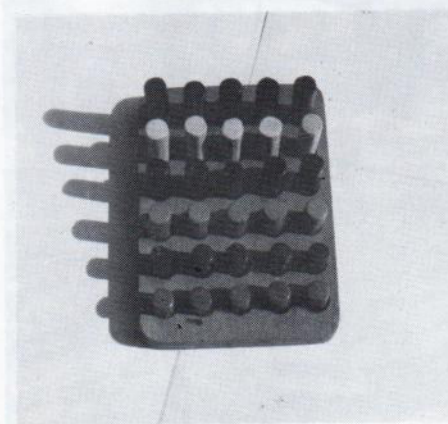
The **Workshop** at the Centre caters for 7 ex-pupils working on stools, trays, tit-bits sales, peg boards and book-markers.



The Workshop Team

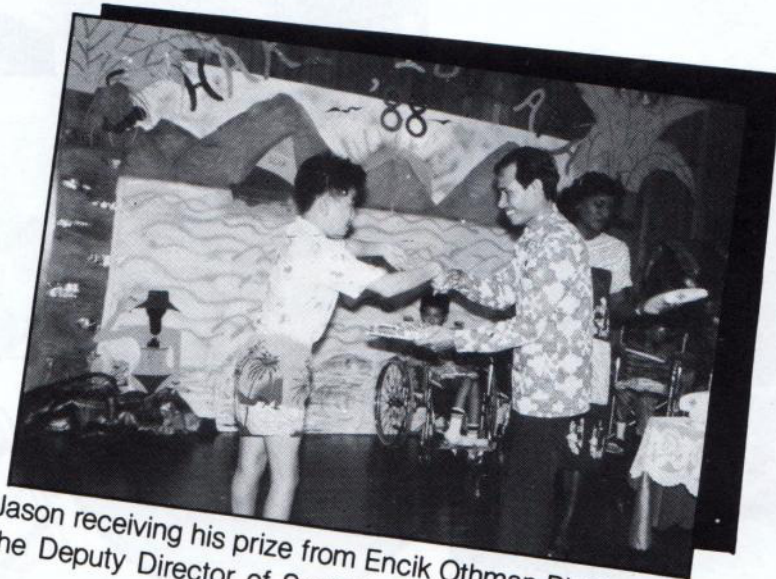


Ex-Pupils at Work.



SOME OF THE PRODUCTS THAT ARE MADE AT THE WORKSHOP.

PARENTS DAY CONCERT



Jason receiving his prize from Encik Othman Bin Bakar, the Deputy Director of Social Welfare, Penang.

SPORTS DAY



Rumah Merah — Ready for action.

Our Patron H.E. The Governor receiving a gift from Hilmiyatus Suada.



That's the way, Aha Aha — Kong Chee Keong.

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK A DULL BOY...

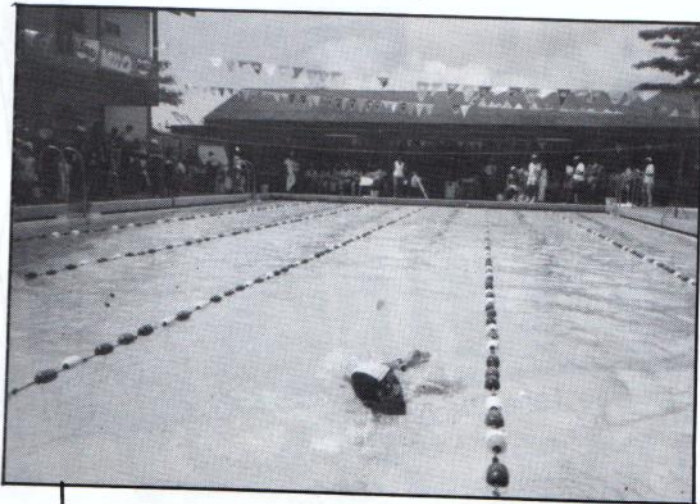
Participation in the National Sports for the Disabled in Kota Bharu, Kelantan 1988



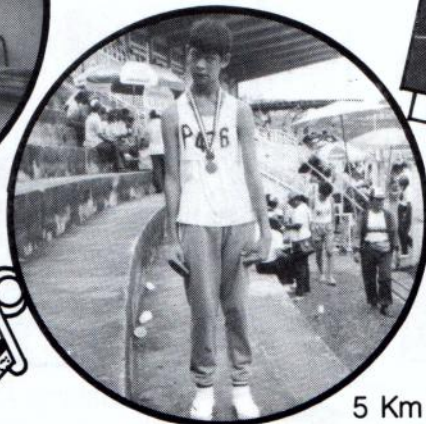
Watch out, here we come.



80 Meter Run



Abdul Hamid with his silver medal
25 Meters Free Style

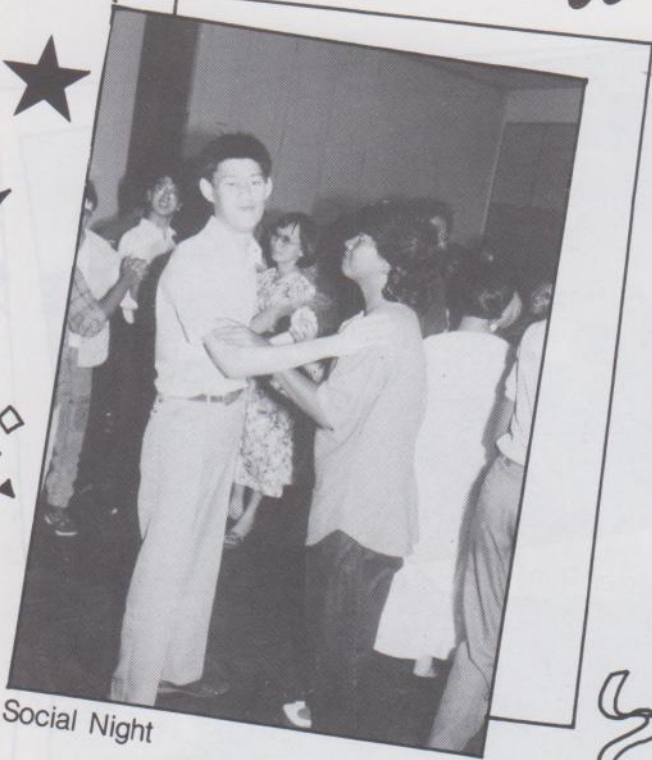


5 Km Walk
5th Prize winner
— Ooi Chee Teong



Chooi Wei Leng and Loke Loo Hong in the 50
meters race.

THESE ARE THE GOOD TIMES



Social Night



Time to Boogey!



Penny Lane Disco Outing



Shake, rattle and roll



Wow, this is great exercise



The Managing Director of Penny Lane Disco, Mr. Neoh Teong Keat, with foster child Yeoh Bee Lean.

AND THE PARTYING GOES ON.....



Happy Birthday



Holiday Inn's birthday bash for Voon Kem

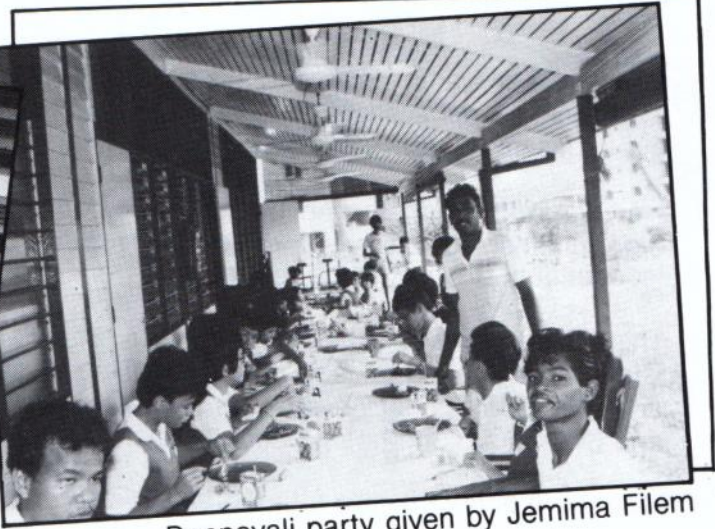
It's Ang Pow Time



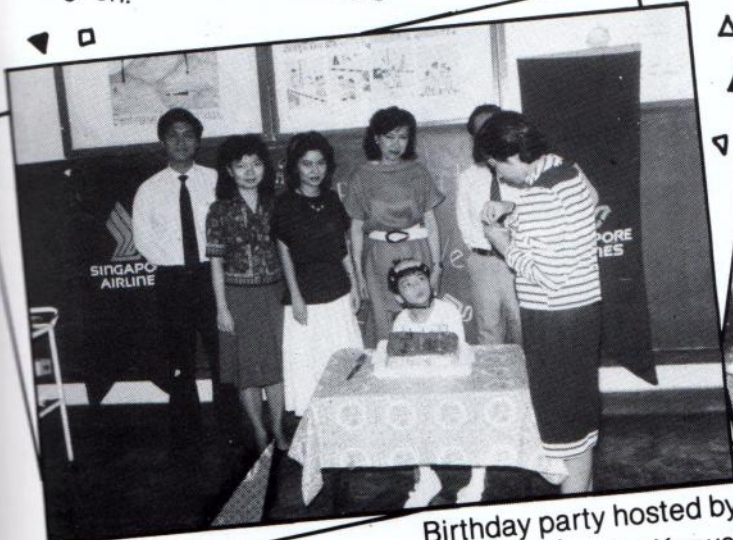
Donation by members of the Chuan Hup Heng Restaurant



Make your wish Patricia! With Robert Bosch members looking on.



Deepavali party given by Jemima Filem



Birthday party hosted by Singapore Airlines for Karwei.



Christmas Party by Orchid Hotel Penang

CHILD OF THE YEAR 1988

By Mrs. Bernadette Lau (Teacher)



LIM SEOK EAN

Lim Seok Ean was registered in this school in 1975. Since then, she has shown great improvement in the field of education. She is a very intelligent and hardworking girl and she likes to involve herself in all classroom activities.

Her speciality is that even though her physical condition is limited, she possesses a strong determination to carry on progressing with the aim of achieving her goal, and that is to be independent and not to be a burden to her family.

This has been proven in her involvement in school activities and also co-curriculum activities, where she has contributed valuably during counselling sessions. She has a positive attitude and is patient and friendly in all her endeavours. This is obvious in her involvement in Guiding, Drama, Music and Swimming. She has produced satisfactory handwork in sewing.

As a result of her positive attitude, she has contributed a great deal to her friends. She possesses leadership qualities and with this she is highly respected by her peers.



Our child of the year Lim Seok Ean with her trophy.



Seok Ean receiving Hydrotherapy.

END OF THE YEAR PARTY



Kol. Abdul Malek receiving a token of appreciation from Tan Soon Beng with Vice-President Mrs. Lim Say Huat looking on.



Garlanding of the Child Of The Year, Lim Seok Ean by Mrs. H.H. Bhatt.



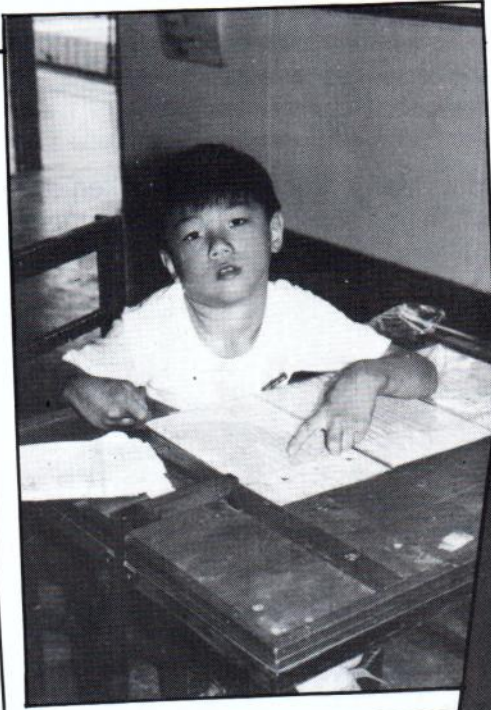
Father Christmas with a gift for every spastic child.



THE DAY'S RATION

When I was born,
From all the seas of strength, fate
filled a chalice,
saying, this be thy portion, child, this
chalice —
Less than a lily's, thou shalt daily
draw from my great arteries, not less,
not more

RALPH WALDO EMERSON



The picture board



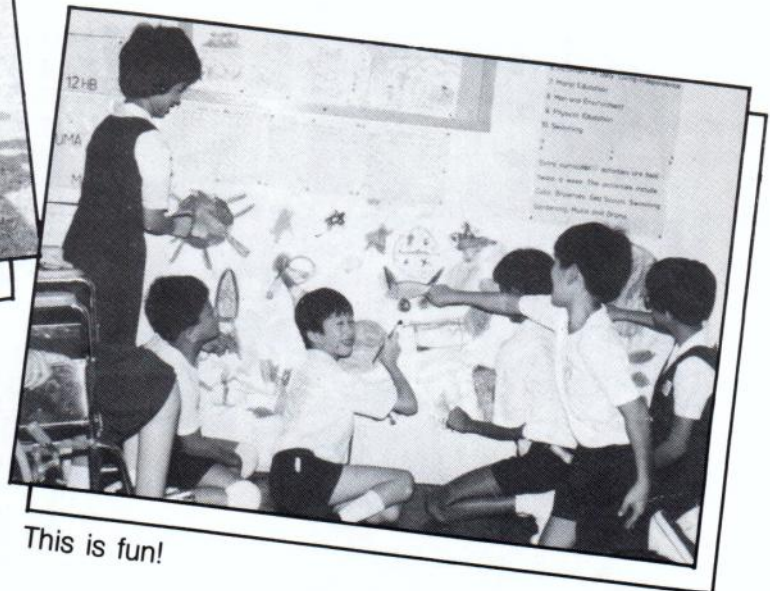
Boy Scout



Great concentration



Hard at work in the garden.



This is fun!

A C H I E V E R S !!

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU

It takes hard work, perseverance and endurance but they have made it — Yes, our achievers have shown, that they can perform in jobs as you will see from the pictures. They are earning their own living — We are proud of each and every one of them.



Khoo Khay Hong (seated) at work in the Fastron factory being visited by our President.



Tan Siew Gnoh (front) chopping chicken at the NS canteen.



Amir busy as kitchen-helper in the NS canteen.



Lee Choon Huat (left) in the Glamorcote factory.



Zuwida at the assembly line of Sanyo Industries.



Voluntary Service

Mrs. Kanya Tan
Chairman

**Together We Care
and
We Need You**

The pleasant year of 1988 was marred by the departure of our three dedicated volunteers. They were Mrs. Jutta Gunkel who left for Germany with her husband after 3 years at the Centre, and likewise Mrs. Jennifer Soo Kar Wong who departed for Kuala Lumpur with her husband. Miss Janice Griffioen, a volunteer from VSA (Voluntary Service Abroad), New Zealand, was the last to leave us in November after 4 years service in Penang. With heavy heart, we wished them every success.

School Service Clubs and religious groups periodically sent their members to do odd jobs during weekends throughout the year and we are very grateful for their voluntary service rendered.

We are fortunate to have a strong support from our regular and dedicated volunteers, though small in number, including the wives of the committee members who have given their assistance to the Association all these years. They are always there whenever we need them and we wish to express our sincere appreciation and THANK YOU to each and every one of them. Hopefully, they will be with us for many years to come.



Mrs. Chan Kok Swee, the President of the Association, presented a red rose to each of the volunteers in appreciation of their good work.

Standing from L to R: Mr. & Mrs. V.P. Kanniah, Miss Betty Kok, Mrs. Beh Khay Heng, Mrs. Chan Kok Swee, Mrs. Jennifer Soo, Datin Saku Vanniasingham, Mrs. Kanya Tan, Mrs. Ong Kim Chye, Miss Eileen Brindle (on visit from VSA N.Z.). Standing in front: Mrs. Tan Teow Thong.



Farewell to Mrs. Jutta Gunkel



The Chairman and Mrs. Jennifer Soo on her last day of service.



Miss Janice Griffioen was giving auditory training for child with hearing loss, using auditory trainer.



Visit by participants from the Seminar on Voluntary Service with Mrs. Hussain, the Supervisor, and the Chairman.

*Visit to Alor Star for the spastic children sponsored by Public Bank, accompanied by some of our volunteers.
L to R: Mrs. V.P. Kanniah, Mrs. VS. Bastion, Public Bank members and Mr. V.P. Kanniah is on the far right.*



VISITORS AND DONORS

To all those not portrayed below our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their continued support and encouragement.



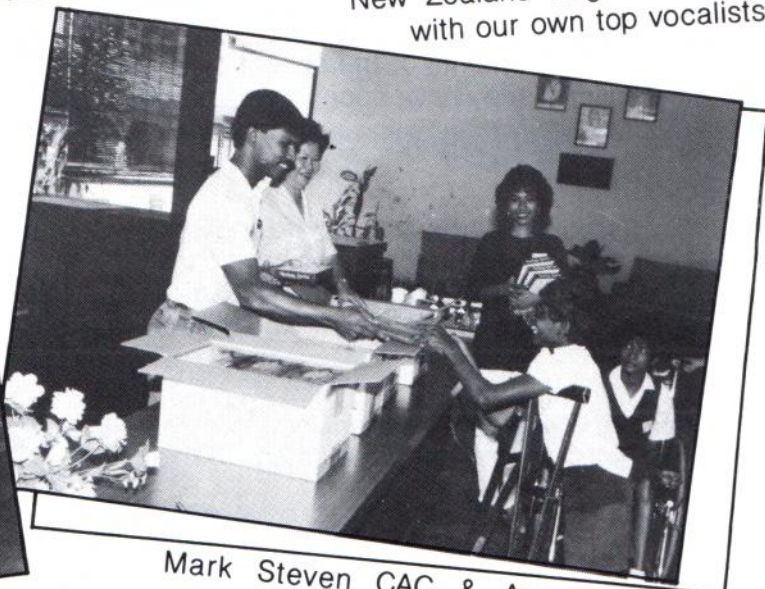
Thaiposam
3 wheelchairs presented by AMD
and MMI factories.



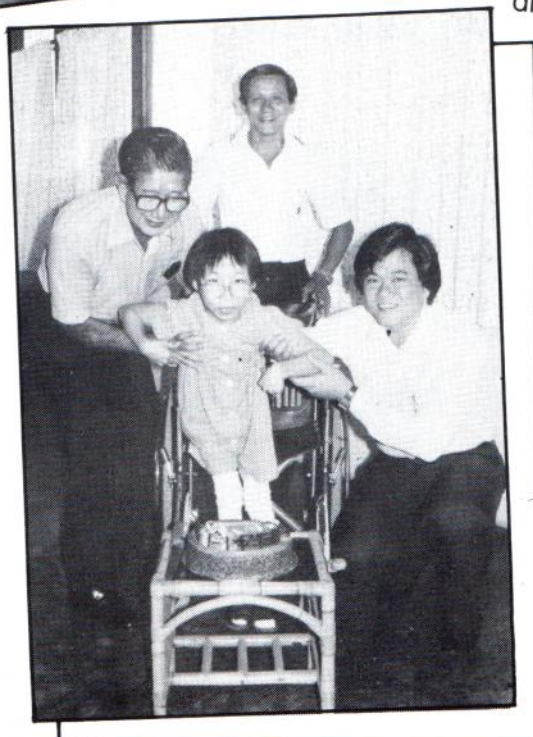
New Zealand Regiment Band
with our own top vocalists.



Kean Boon and the
nurse student midwives 2/88.



Mark Steven CAC & Associates H.P.
distributes chocolates.



Lions Club of Penang Host
celebrate Hooi Gek's birthday.



FOSTER PARENTS APPEAL

Chairman: **Mr. V.S. BASTION PJK**

Since its inception, our Foster Parents Appeal has proven to be our most effective and enjoyable way of raising funds for our Association and at the same time providing our children with the security, training and education they require in order to lead an adult life within their capabilities.

Enjoyable because foster parents have the unique opportunity of meeting their foster child either in the environments of the school or in its own home. Foster parents can get to know and love the children they have sponsored, take them for outings, celebrate birthdays and other festivals - all in all a truly fulfilling and satisfying experience for both foster parent and foster child.

Our association is most fortunate and indeed eternally grateful to the scores of faithful foster parents, both at home and abroad, who have constantly supported our children in one way or another. Their love and care has provided many memorable experiences for the children and has indeed helped them to grow in ways which would otherwise not have been possible.

For this loving care we thank you, our dear Foster Parents one and all and we look forward to your kind support and encouragement in the future.

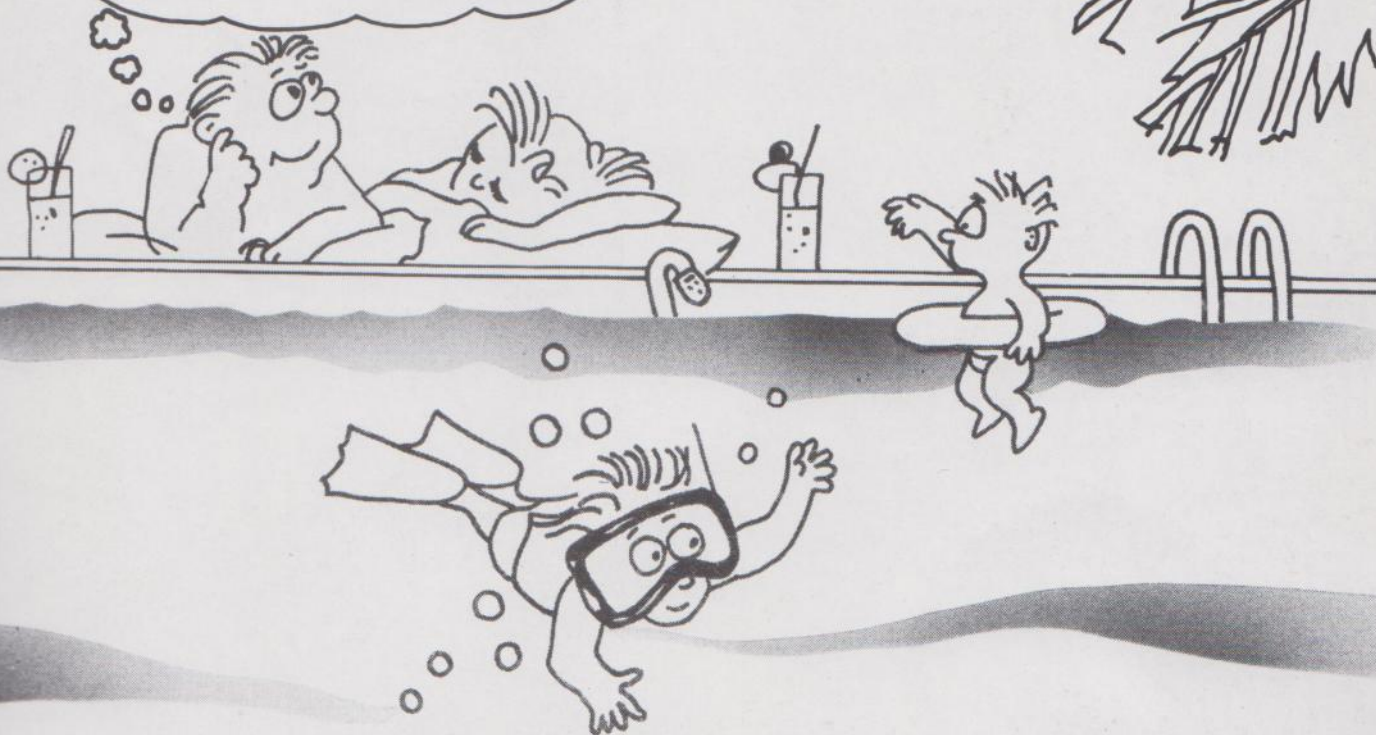
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL



Bringing happiness to their foster children.

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