

REPORT OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT (VTD)

Vocational Training Department (VTD) continues to focus its efforts in providing skills training and rehabilitation skills within sheltered workshop to visually handicapped clients in Singapore during the financial year 2004 / 2005.

PROGRAMMES

1) Sheltered Workshops - Sub-contract Works

During the year under review, Sheltered Workshop had a total of 36 trainees. The work from Shi-Da Plastics Pte Ltd - packaging of plastic strips remained the mainstay for trainees in the Sheltered workshop. A total of 730,000 pieces of plastic strips were packed by the trainees for the whole year. Staff at the workshop continued to put in efforts to source for more contract works. Singapore International Airlines (SIA) contract work was returned to the Sheltered Workshop towards the end of 2004, with an average of 50 bags per week. Other contract works came from Khoo Sun, House of Mailing, Netball Singapore, etc.

Car Wash Project had a joint collaboration with CityCab and a revenue of about \$2,000 was collected after the end of the project.

2) Skills Training Programme

The skill training courses provided by VTD remained relevant to cater to clients' need. Courses conducted included Microsoft Applications Basic, Powerpoint, typing, telemarketing skills and projects, music lessons, foot reflexology, braille and touch art among others.

The Touch Art programme has engaged actively in various bazaar sales.

Whereas the telemarketing section managed to secure several contracts with projects like Fiestamama Card, Profit Card, WBG Project, etc.

The following courses were conducted during the period under review.

COURSES	Training Hours Per Course	Enrollment (Students)
Braille	75	19
Typewriting	108	21
Massage - Foot Reflexology	120	9
Microsoft Applications Basic	48	15
Powerpoint	48	6
Telemarketing - Projects	126	12
- Skills	24	1
Music	52	12
Touch Art	-	24

Dining In The Dark - managed by VTD till Sep 2004

In spite of the challenges during the dining experiences, SAVH received encouraging feedbacks from our guests and invitees. For the period from April 2004 to September 2004, Dining In The Dark (DITD) had a total of about 400 bookings.

The goals of DITD are:

1. To provide challenging and exciting employment option for our clients.
2. To showcase the skills of blind / vision impaired waiters, waitresses and chefs so that food service industries would be motivated to employ clients with vision impairment.
3. To create awareness about persons with vision loss by changing attitudes and mindsets.

NUMBER OF JOB PLACEMENTS BY BIZLINK

Type of Jobs	Gender		Eye Condition		Total
	M	F	Blind	Low Vision	
Receptionist	1	2	0	3	3
Tech Sales Coordinator	1	0	0	1	1
Telephone Operator	0	2	0	2	2
Project Researcher	0	1	1	0	1
Masseur	0	2	1	1	2
Data Entry	0	1	0	1	1
General Worker	1	0	0	1	1
Temp Clerk	1	0	0	1	1
Temp Office Assistant	0	1	0	1	1
Flyer Distributor	0	1	0	1	1
Admin Assistant	0	1	0	1	1
Editorial Cum Admin Assistant	1	0	0	1	1
Purchasing Assistant	1	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	6	11	2	15	17