

Educare Collaborates with Bizlink

Supporting the Disabled in Employment



➤ The Educare Co-operative Ltd's efforts to reach out to the local disabled community are garnering encouraging results.

In May this year, the Co-operative forged a partnership with Bizlink Centre to support the disabled in employment. One week after participating in Bizlink's Open House & Job Fair for 'Support the Disabled in Employment' on 21 May, Educare

successfully helped secure employment for one of Bizlink's walk-in candidates.

Despite facing the challenges of finding the right fit of candidates for placement in schools as support staff, Educare has scored success. Another candidate from the job fair has been shortlisted for an opening in one of Educare's latest potential client, a centre for foreign education in Singapore, while a good handful of others

have also been shortlisted. In recognition of its proactive involvement, Educare, which is a co-operative of the Singapore Teachers' Union, received media coverage on Mediacorp's Channel 8 and Channel U, and also a plaque from Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, MP for Marine Parade GRC.

Educare's endeavours to embrace People with Disabilities (PWDs) into mainstream society extends beyond Bizlink's Employment Placement Programme. It walked the talk by looking beyond the disability and recruiting based on merit. Currently, the Co-operative has two PWDs in its employment.

Educare has been given the green light to tap on the Open Door Fund to recruit, train and enhance its workplace environment specially for PWDs. The Fund is a financial support scheme set up by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, supported by the Singapore Workforce Development Agency, and administered by the Singapore National Employers Federation. It was set up to encourage more employers to come forward and give PWDs equal opportunities in seeking employment.

Visit by Don Bosco Network Multi-Purpose Co-operative

➤ A nine-member Filipino delegation from the Don Bosco Network Multi-Purpose Co-operative, an affiliate of the Philippines National Confederation of Co-operatives, visited us on 11 August.

The Co-operative, which provides general manpower services, was in town to explore possible business partnerships with Singapore's co-operatives. Armed with his wealth of experience in the local shipping industry, our Executive Council member Mr C V Nathan joined in the fruitful sharing session which was chaired by our Chief Executive Officer Mr Zulkifi Mohammed.

