

## **NEEDS PROPOSAL by ASIA COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### Background

The ACS Stepping Stone Centre in Balik Pulau, Penang provides a work place and job opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities, aged between 18 to 40 years. The centre, established in 2000, currently has 24 members supported by four fulltime staff and volunteers.

The centre provides on-the-job vocational training and work support in baking cakes and cookies, dyeing yarn, fabric weaving, creative crafts such as handmade soaps, paper, and candles, batik painting and pottery making. Many of the items produced are sold and the income generated goes back to the members as their monthly wages.

### Space Constraint

Due to the rapid expansion of work, the centre is running out of space. Currently, we only have 3 rooms to cover all the work sections. The rooms are overcrowded with various equipment and furniture; and several activities have to be conducted outdoors under an extended awning.

ACS does not have enough funds to extend on the existing building to build another room. As we need the extra space urgently, a 20 feet x 30 feet cabin container is being proposed as a solution. This cabin will be placed in the centre's compound.

### Budget Request

A rough quotation for the 20x30 feet cabin container is approximately RM30,000.00 which includes the costs of transportation and installation, floor base, insulation and electrical wiring. The entire installation will take approximately 3-4 weeks.



### Outcome

This extra space of 600 square feet will enable the members with intellectual disabilities to expand their activities and enable them to work in comfort and ease. This cabin container will be dedicated to house the ceramic pottery studio.

*If you think you can assist in some ways, please contact us at 04-6585396 or email us at [acspenang@gmail.com](mailto:acspenang@gmail.com). Thank you.*

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