

Workshop helps students gear up for PT3

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KUALA LUMPUR: A three-day English language workshop organised by the New Straits Times' 'Newspaper in Education' (NiE) drew students from across the peninsula to beef up their language skills and better prepare them for the Form Three Assessment Examination (PT3).

Some 50 lower-secondary school students, aged between 13 and 15, participated in the workshop, which began on Saturday.

The students took part in essay-writing, question-and-answer sessions and group activities where they learnt new and effective writing techniques.

The facilitator, who wanted to be known as Ms John, said students were taught how to construct sentences and use powerful words in their essays, which covered a range of topics.

"Apart from improving their language skills, the workshop also helped students develop their communication and social skills.

"Some were quite shy in the beginning but today, they are more outspoken and willing to share their views and ideas in the class. The students are given tips on answering techniques and they gain confidence in answering the questions."

SMK Sultan Abdul Samad student, Sheriffah Nur Athirah al-idid Syed Mohammed Idid, 15, said the facilitator provided tips that were useful for the PT3 exam this year.

"We were taught how to express our thoughts, views and experiences through creative writing. We covered various topics, including writing on current issues. We were excited to join the workshop."

Sivanantha Sivalingam, 15, of SMK Bukit Bandaraya, said the workshop was beyond his expectations.

"When my parents told me about this workshop, I thought it was going to be a classroom format teaching.

However, it turned out to be interesting.

"I believe I have equipped myself with knowledge on essay writing. It is not always that we get to attend such a workshop."

Aqil Fikri Fadzil, 15, of the Methodist Boys' School here, said he decided to register for the workshop when his mother told them about it.

"This is a fun and interesting workshop, thanks to the teacher who was very creative in delivering the subject matter.

"I learnt how to generate ideas and improved on my thinking skills. At home, I read the New Straits Times to improve my vocabulary, giving me an opportunity to use new words in my essays," he said.

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