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Students 'discover' journalism at YouthQuake workshop

KOTA KINABALU, Thurs. - The YouthQuake workshop which ended today at Sabah College gave participants an opportunity to discover the world of journalism.

Students from schools around Kota Kinabalu and Papar were given an insight into aspects of interviewing and writing, among other things, during the three-day workshop.

Participants who found the workshop to be interesting hoped there would be more of them.

Marilyn Lai, 16, of SM St Francis Convent said she had always been interested in journalism.

"However, I thought journalism is just a lot of hard work and not much fun," Lai said.

She added that her perception of the field has changed for the better after participating in the workshop.

"I also had the chance to broaden my horizon and I hope to become a journalist one day," Lai said.

She said beneficial workshops like this could deter the young from loitering around shopping complexes.

Another participant, Mohammad Shahid, 16, from SM La Salle, said the workshop was a good one.

"I was interested in taking part the moment I heard of it," this avid reader of YouthQuake said.

As for Rameshar Rajah, 15, of SM All Saints, the workshop gave him a new perspective of journalism.

"Although I do not intend to become a journalist, I would like to write on a part-time basis," he said.

Rameshar added that the workshop helped him because he likes taking part in writing competitions organised by his school.

Pang Wen Ching, 17, of Sabah College said she likes travelling, and feels that journalism would give her a chance to do so.

"Besides, you do not know what is going to happen tomorrow and that makes it exciting," Pang said.

Pang hopes to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the line of duty if she becomes a journalist.

Participants also said they hoped to contribute to YouthQuake and the New Straits Times.

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