One-day seminar on school bullies

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School bullies have been a longstanding issue and educators and institutions have been at their wits end trying to solve this problem.

One of these institutions is Sunway College, which together with the Selangor Education Department, organised a one-day seminar-cum-workshop for principals and counsellors from schools in the state.

The seminar, themed "Helping Adolescents in Meeting Challenges in Life which also focused on "Coping with Bullying in Schools," was officially opened by department director Dr Ahmad Sipon. It was attended by 150 participants.

The objective of the seminar was to enable participants to share ideas and views in formulating strategies and action plans for dealing with the bully problem.

Events like these are held to help in networking among educators to ensure an environment conducive for study in schools.

The seminar is one of Sunway College's community service projects and two working papers were tabled.

The first was "Youth in Danger: Coping with the Challenges" which was presented by Prof Madya Ismail Baba from the Centre of Social Science of Universiti Sains Malaysia.

Madya is a renowned sociologist and social worker specialising in youth-related problems and AIDS counselling.

The second working paper was presented by Dr Tan Toh Wah, Dr Maznah Ismail and Dr Yeoh Seng Guan from Sunway College on the "Concept and Research on Bullying Incidents in Schools."

"In the era of rapid development and growth, these people have many opportunities to explore and expand their potential. At the same time, they are also exposed to the challenges and stresses that could affect the development of their well-being," said Tan, who is the committee chairman and academic director at Sunway College.