



The students from SMK Pandamaran Jaya together with the team of organisers at the event.

# Empowering students

GUIDING students to discovering purpose in their careers is a community effort.

It is exactly this conviction that drove a team of individuals to collaborate and conduct a careers' advice project for 40 students from SMK Pandamaran Jaya.

This team comprised Project ID: Impianku Destinasi co-founder Kelvin Tan, 29; Kamil Nazri, 28; actuary Neo Jia Hui, 27; educator Xavier Chee Wezen, 25; Perdana Fellow Dylan Lim, 23; and several other volunteers.

The Form Five students were brought to Sunway University where they received a university tour and a course on 'Five Keys To The Future'. The students were also taught basic research skills to scout for scholarships and careers, and received counselling on their personality and career matching.

In the afternoon, they returned to SMK Pandamaran Jaya, where they received group counseling on their academic and career interests. Two sessions scholarship options and critical thinking were also held.

At the end of the day, the students reflect-

ed on what they had gained throughout the sessions.

"Today, I learned more about myself, my career, and the scholarships available for my course," said Muhammad Faisal, who aspires to be a policeman.

Another student, Muhammad Shafiqudin, dreams of studying law.

"I need to focus on my goals. After today, I am more sure of my career choice," he shared.

Neo said there are still many students who do not know what to do and where to go after SPM. It is a crucial next step, and no one should be disadvantaged from a lack of information.

Tan said: "Project ID plans to close this gap by empowering students from challenging backgrounds with the skills and tools for greater social mobility."

"By helping the next generation of leaders develop into responsible individuals, we are helping ourselves," said a spokesperson from the organising team.

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