

Survey on youth deviance

Pilot project involves three Likas schools



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KOTA KINABALU: The first-ever survey on youth deviance in the State will kick off with a pilot project involving three secondary schools in the Likas area.

UMS School of Psychology and Social head, Dr Rosnah Ismail, who is heading the study, said the pilot project would start a week from Wednesday involving about 3,000 students from the three schools.

"The survey will run for about three months involving 10,000 students.

"Three schools, namely SM All Saints, Sekolah Menengah Perempuan Likas and SM Lok Yuk, have been selected for the pilot project with the purpose of checking and validating the set of questionnaires, whether the questions are relevant to the students," she said.

If some is found to be irrelevant, she said, they will improve on these to make sure the results are credible and reliable for the public.

According to her, some 1,000 students of Form 1 and 2 in each of the three schools will participate in the study regardless of ethnic group, family background and religious beliefs.

"UMS mooted the idea of establishing this database or survey on youth deviance as we have the expertise.

"Three of my research officers and three lecturers will carry out the survey and they will brief school principals and teachers on the questionnaires and how it should be done," Rosnah said.

Once the survey on the pilot project is completed, she said they will distribute the questionnaires to the remaining selected seven secondary schools.

She said collecting the data is easy but keying-in the data and analysing the information may take some time.

Since the Ministry wants it early, she said, they are determined to have it ready by August