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## 'Anti-Rahsia' reveals dangers of addictions

**JOHOR BARU:** Students are urged to stay away from drugs, which will not only harm their health, but turn them into the dregs of society.

State Education Department deputy director Md Hasidin Zaini conveyed the message in his speech at the launch of "Anti-Rahsia" at SMK Dato' Syed Esa, Batu Pahat, recently.

The department's Humanities Unit deputy head Mansor Abd Aziz read his speech.

"Rahsia" is an acronym for *rokok* (cigarettes), *alkohol* (alcohol), *dadah* (drugs), *seks bebas* (random sex), *inhalan* (inhalant) and AIDS.

The half-day programme was attended by National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK) officers, state police liaison officers, the school's Parent-Teacher Association committee members and about 400 of the school's Form Four students.

The programme included a choir presentation, an oath-taking ceremony, a survey on students' perception of drug abuse, a motivational talk and lecture by a guest speaker from AADK.

AADK also had a booth displaying books, journals, booklets and flyers on drug abuse.

"Anti-Rahsia" is a programme to create awareness of the dangers of drug abuse and to inculcate a positive attitude and moral values in students.

The Education Department will be launching the programme in 100 secondary schools in all 10 districts between now and October.

Department assistant director in charge of drug prevention Mustaffa Ibrahim said the number of students addicted to drugs was alarming.



Mustaffa Ibrahim hopes the programme will bring down the 'alarming number of students addicted to drugs'. Pic by Syed Abdullah Syed Mohamed

"Smoking and alcohol abuse have the highest number of student addicts.

"Smoking is the beginning of disaster. Smokers will later turn to drugs such as syabu, Ecstasy, Roche and ganja.

"The most frightening situation is when female students resort to offering sex for money to purchase drugs," he said.

Education Department assistant director Abdul Aziz How Abdullah advised parents to pay attention to their children's circle of friends.

"Instilling spiritual and moral values in the young will prove beneficial," he said. **By Syed Abdullah Syed Mohamed**