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## SMK Nabawan in finals of state level 2010 Drug Prevention Competition

**NABAWAN:** SMK Nabawan has successfully moved into the final stage of the Sabah state level 2010 Drug Prevention Competition for the school resource room corner and wall category.

Confirmation of their eligibility for the finals was confirmed by the Anti-Drug Education Unit of the Human Development Sector which made a visit and evaluation at the school yesterday.

SMK Nabawan is among the schools representing rural zone 2 involving five districts, namely, Tambunan, Keningau, Tenom and Sipitang and is for the first time in the final competition as confirmed by a panel of assessors at the State level.

Before this, SM St. Anthony's Tenom is regarded as one of the best schools in previous competition representing the State.

Senior Assistant Director of Drug Prevention Education Unit, Human Development Sector, Sabah Education Department and also head of the panel, Ednan Muyong said, the response to this campaign is highly appreciated as the schools not only provided good co-operation and partnership in joining the competition but also encouraged the involvement of all students to be aware about the dangers of drugs.

He said the main objective of the competition is to realize the government's intention, through the Education Department to make schools drug-free by 2012, through drug prevention information exhibited along school hallways as a central information access point on drug prevention education.

This competition not only involves city schools but includes all primary and secondary schools throughout the country, including in rural areas and focuses on five areas for students' awareness of HIV/Aids, Alcohol, Drug, inhalant (glue sniffing) and hazard of cigarettes smoking (No to smoking).

"It is also to remind students that taking of drugs or drug addiction is a major enemy of the country as it destroys a person's life, regardless of rank and religion. Drug addiction can be avoided if an individual is aware of the consequences and should not try any drugs as it is self-destructive" he said.

Meanwhile, Assistant Director of

Drug Prevention Education Unit, Human Development Sector, Education Department Sabah, Norman Sani said, another objective of the competition was to provide an opportunity for students to view information about the dangers of drugs, how to stay away from drugs and how to spread news of dangerous drugs among students.

He said he hoped to ensure that schools are free from drug abuse and addiction and ensure people in the region live in peace and harmony through the educational campaigns which target schools to be drug free by 2012.

A total of 132 primary and secondary schools joined the competition in the

country, while in Sabah, a total of 24 secondary schools and 23 primary schools participated in the competition based on categories of zones, urban areas and rural areas.

Also present at the assessment and the visit were the Senior Officers of Education Department of Sabah Ahmad Yusof Muhammad (Sandakan), Amat Nor Samsudin (Kota Marudu), Mohamad Vicente (Lahad Datu), Mr. Ismail Hj. Kiran (Tuaran), Jaulis Musalim (Keningau), Admin Agindang (Nabawan), SMK Nabawan drug prevention education teacher, Mohd. Shahrul Azlan Bin Azuha and principal of SMK Nabawan, Ajmain Idris.



Group picture of the panel headed by Adnan (centre).