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Students gain a lot more than tips

MORE than 300 pupils turned up for the Kuntum UPSR workshop at Sunway University College, Petaling Jaya, recently. It was the biggest turnout so far this year.

Organised by Kuntum, a monthly Bahasa Malaysia educational magazine published by Star Publications (M) Bhd, the workshop was part of a series of nationwide workshops that were held from May 27. It ended yesterday.

The other workshops were held at Multimedia University, Malacca (May 28), INTI International College, Penang (June 25) and Sunway University College, Petaling Jaya (July 2).

The last workshop for this year's series, before the one at Sunway, was at Mawarnita Sdn Bhd in Johor Baru.

The full-day workshops were aimed at providing pupils with the skills to answer questions fast and correctly in their UPSR examination.

Lecturers, teachers and UPSR reference book writers conducted the workshop.

The workshops were open to Year Five and Six pupils. The fee was RM50 for Kuntum Club members and RM70 for others.

Lunch, tea, UPSR notes and stationery were provided to participants.

The event saw the children taking part in quizzes and getting tips on how to score in their UPSR examination.

"It is fun and I wish we can go for some more of these workshops."

"I don't mind telling my friends to come and join it next time around," said Remitra Shanmuganathan, 12.

When asked about her favourite section of the workshop, Remitra said it was the motivational part.

She said the speaker taught her how to build inner strength and self-confidence to face the examination.

"It is something that we have to learn



Participants shaking hands with Kuntum mascot Si Comel at a workshop.

in school," she said.

Wan Nuranadya Miör Khairuddin from Subang Jaya and Siti Aini Rasyidah Muhammed Asry from Klang also shared the opinion.

Both girls said the workshop taught them a lot in preparing for the upcoming UPSR.

They also enjoyed meeting new friends during the whole day workshop.

"I was nervous at the beginning but then everyone was so nice and it was like we have known each other for a long time."

"All of us have one thing in mind - to do well in our UPSR," said 12-year old Wan Nurnadya, a pupil of Sekolah Kebangsaan Subang Jaya.

Besides gaining much knowledge on four key subjects - Bahasa Malaysia, English, Mathematics and Science - participants also enjoyed meals provided by the Chicken Rice Shop and received a handy Kuntum bag, each containing sponsored goodies from Faber-Castell, Cerdik Publications and VeGood.

Chicken Rice Shop sponsored the programme.