

# 'School Times' a hit with teachers

**IPOH:** "Interesting", "comprehensive" and "fun" were some of the words used by teachers in describing the *New Straits Times* (NST) educational supplement *School Times*.

About 60 English language teachers were impressed with the stimulating content of the weekly pull-out, after being introduced to it at a NST Newspaper-in-Education (NIE) workshop here yesterday.

Nur Amirah Abdul Manan, 25, a secondary schoolteacher from Alor Gajah, said she found the articles in *School Times* appealing and suitable reading material for students as well as teachers.

"The content is educational and entertaining at the same time.

"I believe teachers will be drawn to reading and using it as a teaching aid in the classroom," she said after joining the hour-long workshop conducted by Dr Sivabala Naidu on the third day of the 9th Malaysia International Conference on English Language Teaching.

The three-day programme started on Monday and was jointly organised by Universiti Putra Malaysia and ELS Language Centres Malaysia.

Audrey Ann Balraj, 36, who teaches English to Form Two students, said the 40-page supplement was helpful not only for helping in English language lessons, but also other subjects such as Mathematics and Science.

"Although I am looking at the pull-out for the first time, I am already fascinated with it.

"I would definitely suggest to my school to subscribe to the paper pull-out for the benefit of my students."

Chang Hon Yew, 49, of SMK Kampar, said he had been using *School Times* as an additional source material for his English lessons for the past year.

"It provides intriguing and helpful tips for teachers to carry out engaging activities with students.

"Apart from grabbing attention in the classroom, it has been a resourceful guide which allows the students to improve their language proficiency and expand their general knowledge."

*School Times* is divided into 24 pages of general content and 16 pages of syllabus related worksheets. It is available every Thursday. The subscription price for schools is RM1 per copy.

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