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Tips for future journalists

KUANTAN: News stories must be straight to the point and exciting to capture the reader's attention.

This was the advice given to 97 aspiring journalists from schools in Pahang who participated in the "Star NiE's Best School Newspaper Award 2005" workshop yesterday.

The Star journalist Gavin Gomez also told the students at the workshop, which was held at Kolej Universiti Kejuruteraan dan Teknologi Malaysia near here, that they must be willing to work long hours.

The workshop provided students with an insight into the world of journalism, including how to gather news, design the page layout and the organisation of an editorial team.



PAGE MAKERS: Students participating in the 'Star NiE's Best School Newspaper Award 2005' workshop in Kuantan with the newspaper pages designed by them Monday.

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As part of the workshop, students were required to come up with an instant front page for their newspapers based on a real life press conference that was screened for them.

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SK Assunta Convent, Kuantan, produced the best-designed newspaper while SMK Paya Besar had the most captivating headline.

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SMK Beserah teacher Hue Choy Foong said it was good for students to learn how a paper was actually laid out.

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“Comparing their work with that of other students was a great learning experience,” said Hue, who was among 25 teachers from 22 schools who attended the workshop.

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Form Five student Desmond Wong said he will be working hard on his entry for the “Star NiE’s Best School Newspaper Award 2005” contest and hopes to win the main prize, a trip to Melbourne, Australia.

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The contest, which is jointly organised by Star-NiE and Pizza Hut, will be officially launched on April 5. Pizza Hut has pledged RM2.5mil in prizes for the contest.

The next workshop will be held in Penang today.

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