

Focus on helping the young

Organisation launches module to create awareness on sexual and cyber crimes

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JOHOR BARU: Non-governmental organisation Pertubuhan Ikram Malaysia (Ikram) Johor has launched a module specially designed to educate children on sexual and cyber crimes.

The module, launched by Johor Permaisuri Raja Zarith Sofiah Sultan Idris Shah, aims to educate and raise awareness among children on how to protect themselves and their families from falling victim to such crimes.

Johor Ikram Wanita chief Sabariah Manshor said the module was the organisation's long-term and continuous effort to fight against sexual crimes through education.

The module consists of four different packages suitable for children of different age groups, ranging from four years old onwards, she said.

"Sexual crimes like child pornography and paedophilia should no longer be a taboo topic as the right information has to be given to our young ones in order to prevent and eradicate such problems," she said.

The launch was in conjunction with the Pedophilia, Pornography and Cyber Crime seminar organised by Ikram and Johor Women's League (Jewel) on Saturday.

Sabariah added that the module includes topics like teaching children about their self-worth, knowing their body as well as differentiating between a "safe touch" and what is not.



Raja Zarith Sofiah (second from right) launching the module while Sabariah (right) and Jewel president Woo Sow Pheng (left) look on during the Pedophilia, Pornography and Cyber Crime seminar.

Children would also learn what is pornography and the effect it has on their lives as well as other sexual factors that could threaten their well-being in the emotional, spiritual or physical aspects.

"As an NGO that focuses on

standing up for women, children and family, we feel that we have the responsibility to organise such seminars and module to get more attention on such issues," said Sabariah.

She also said cooperation is

needed among NGOs, the government, the police, schools and parents to handle the matter in the right way.

The module packages come with talks and activities provided by Ikram Johor.