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IN SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Chapter 1 consists of the background of study, problem statement, research questions, research objective, and scope of study, significance of study and definition of terms.

1.2 Background of Study

The ethical awareness among the secondary students in Malaysia is of paramount importance. There are numerous cases where the students act unethically and the statistics stated that worrying number of students is behaving unethically. There are quite number of students who are involved in this kind of behavior and this is not a small issue. The secondary students had chosen as respondents in order to help researcher to investigate relating unethical behavior among them because the unethical behavior is the trends that usually happen among students.

The unethically behavior among students in Malaysia can be classified like bully, violence, truancy and so on. Such cases of school bully have been witnessed all over the world. Bullying is one of these problem unethical behaviors that concerns students, educators and parents because of its potential detriment to the students' well-being (Haynie et al., 2001).

In Malaysia, the bullying in school should be given serious attention due to the several examples that has been demonstrated. For example, there is the case of student in a secondary school from Batu Pahat who lost his kidney and,

spleen, and suffered damage to his liver, and gall bladder after being beaten by a group of senior students (New Sunday Times, 2004). Therefore, it can be said that there is no ethical awareness among them because they are willing to commit such an act towards their friend. According to Salleh & Zainal (2014), a student from one of the secondary schools in Kuala Lipis, Pahang, faces the risk of paralysis of his entire life after being kicked in the back with a police cadet's shoes into a closet by a group of form five and form three students. The victim was bullied by these students who knocked him down with a wooden closet. Consequently, he suffered spinal cord injuries and may be permanently paralyzed.

For this study, the researcher had focused on the case of bullying among students in secondary school at Gelugor, Penang. There is the case of a student from the secondary school who is T. Nhaveen and his friend Previin were allegedly beaten up by five youths, believed to be their ex-schoolmate, while buying burgers. Previin escaped, while Nhaveen was later found unconscious in a field with serious injuries including burns on his back and signs that a blunt object had been shoved into his anus (The Sun Daily, 2018).

Such incident proved that bullying is one of the unethical behaviors and it is a very serious matter, which gave high concern from teachers, parents and the Ministry of Education. The following section will discuss in depth related to how can increase the ethical awareness among students in order to avoid them from being involved in such unethical behavior.