

A STUDY ON STUDENTS' ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS: SMK BANDARAYA, MENGGATAL, KOTA KWABALU.

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ABSTRACT

This study was done in order to study the environmental awareness among students in SMK Bandaraya, Menggatal, Kota Kinabalu. There are 50 respondents involved in the survey and it was divided into 10 respondents in each level which form 1 until form 5. This research objectives are to examine the level of awareness among students and to determine students' attitude in efforts to preserve our environment from pollution. Environmental awareness is still in its preliminary stage in Malaysia (United Nation Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, 2003). Education is important in bringing about increased environmental awareness to the youth. Severe opinion supported by Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin (2003), found that there was no significant correlation between the students' conceptual understanding of the environment and their willingness to protect environment. Respondent environmental knowledge was high. The main sources of this knowledge were identified as internet and newspaper. It is also their aware that the cause of the environmental harm. The study also found that environmental awareness correlated with attitudes. Findings also indicated that the awareness and perception towards environmental issue were high.