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Ayob: Special module next month to tackle crimes involving students from primary school to university level

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ALOR GAJAH: Police will launch a special module next month in their efforts to tackle the issue of crimes, including cyber bullying and drug addiction, among students in schools and universities next month.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay said the module was an upgrade of the Child and Youth Crime Awareness Module (Mekar) he had introduced three years ago when he was Johor police chief.

He said the module was developed by his officers in collaboration with psychology experts from local universities by adding issues affecting students, adding that it would be used at primary school level right up to university.

"I will bring this module to the federal police headquarters in Bukit Aman so it can be launched nationwide in collaboration with the Education Ministry and others, InsyaAllah.

"We launched a similar module in Johor, but that was interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic," he said when answering a question from a participant of a forum here.

The forum, entitled "Stemming Crime Waves: Creating Safer Communities Together", was held at the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) campus in Durian Tunggal.

"We are confident that this module will have a big impact if it is used at all levels of schools and universities when it is launched," said Ayob.

He said, when Mekar was introduced in Johor, whenever a student is found to be taking drugs, the approach taken by police would be merely to talk to them in an effort to ascertain the identity of the dealer who had sold them the drugs.

"We get the permission of the school authorities to talk to the students to find out where they got their drug supply, and in this way, we managed to arrests several dealers. InsyaAllah, the same module we can use nationwide (and have the same results)," he said.