

## Application of Literacy and Public Speaking to MTS Project Kandepag Students

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### ABSTRACT

*The Independent Real Work Lecture apprenticeship activity took place in District Yos Sudarso, KM 13.5, Medan City Regency and specifically at the Madrasah Tsanawiyah Project. The main activity carried out is Literacy to improve students' reading and speaking skills including Al-Qur'an literacy for Madrasah Tsanawiyah Project Kandepag students where students are given an understanding of reading the Qur'an with the correct makharijul letters and public speaking training in public speaking well so that it can be applied in everyday life, ending with the implementation of three-language speech by MTS students*



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Professional Skills Introduction Program (PKP) is a form of student learning experience activity to enter community employment outside the campus. Students who undertake PKP somewhere are responsible for actively participating in increasing the potential of the local community. This activity is also a form of student service to the target community, by identifying and dealing with the problems currently being faced, especially at the MTS Kandepag Project on Jalan Yos Sudarso with the theme of implementing literacy and public speaking training, with good literacy it can help students become skilled in speaking, especially Al-Qur'an literacy, guiding students in reading the Al-Qur'an properly and correctly.

In this case, students are a generation that is able to bring change to the nation. The importance of mastering literacy to improve achievement in achieving success. The cultivation of literacy as early as possible must be realized because it is the main capital in creating an intelligent and cultured nation.

This theme was chosen because there is still a lack of understanding among MTS students of the Ministry of Religion Project regarding the importance of implementing literacy which can increase students' creativity in writing and composing words so that they can be applied in public speaking, with literacy skills making it easier for students to communicate well. The courage to speak in public is very important to instill in MTS students of the Ministry of Religion Project so that students are able to speak in public, express opinions, train self-confidence and train leadership skills which will have a good impact on the student's own future.

This activity was carried out with the aim of creating a culture of reading in schools and honing the ability of MTS Kandepag Project students to think critically, creatively and innovatively. Then, public speaking training can help students speak well in front of a large audience.

Outside of school activities, students/girls also carry out supporting activities in the form of mutual cooperation and recitations with all students/teachers, such as holding recitations together, competitions for the Republic of Indonesia's Independence Day, and culinary arts as a form of friendship and supporting activities in the PKP Mandiri program which is currently being undertaken.

## **2. METHODS**

The implementation of this independent PKP activity uses socialization and education methods and provides literacy material and public speaking training in the form of presentations with additional questions that are able to provide development in students' thinking patterns. Next, hold three speech practices and give an Al-Qur'an literacy quiz to the students.

## **3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Independent Professional Capacity Development (PKP) activities regarding "Application of Literacy and Public Speaking to Students" in the form of socialization at the MTS Kandepag Project Jalan Yos Sudarso, socialization on the application of literacy was carried out on August 2 2022 and public speaking training was carried out on August 18 2022 , these activities can be carried out well. This activity was attended by 25 MTS students from the Ministry of Religion Project.

Before the start of the socialization activities, preparations are made so that the activities can be carried out well. The preparations carried out consist of preparing material that will be delivered in the form of a power point/presentation interspersed with questions about the material and quizzes as well as speech practice in public speaking training. Then preparations were made for the computer lab room for implementing Al-Qur'an literacy and the MTS Ministry of Religion Project prayer room as a place to carry out public speaking activities. The literacy socialization activities were carried out at 08.00 WIB starting with introductions. This was then continued with the delivery of material about the laws of recitation and makharijul letters, ending with a short quiz related to the material that had been presented. The socialization activity for public speaking training was held at 09.00. 00 WIB material delivered  $\pm$  1 hour. After the material was presented, several questions were asked to the audience. Then it ends with speech practice and educational film viewing.

This socialization activity was closed by holding a photo with the presenters, PKP Mandiri students and MTS students from the Ministry of Religion Project.

The visible results after the socialization were carried out were that MTS students from the Ministry of Religion Project began to implement a culture of literacy, especially Al-Qur'an literacy, students increasingly understood the laws of recitation. As well as growing students' confidence in speaking in public.

This activity is strongly supported by the teachers who teach at the MTS Kandepag Project. Students' interest in this activity is also very high because of the questions and answers carried out during the socialization. And having quizzes and speech practice makes students even more enthusiastic about showing their talents.

## **4. CONCLUSION**

Independent Professional Capacity Development (PKP) activities for MTS students of the Ministry of Religion Project which were carried out in the form of socialization and education with the title "Application of Literacy and Public Speaking to Students" in Besar Martubung Subdistrict, Medan Labuhan District were carried out well. The expected results can be achieved well if there is strong motivation in inviting children to apply a culture of literacy and public speaking in everyday life.

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