

TGfU Founder Held a Talk with SPPS Students

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FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER – Founder of the ‘Teaching Games for Understanding’ (TGfU), Dr. Rod Thorpe held a talk recently to students of the School of Education and Social Development (SPPS).

Held at the SPPS Seminar Room 1, Dr. Rod presented a talk on ‘Teaching Games for Understanding –Evolution of an Approach 1960 to 2012’.

According to Sports Science lecturer, Dr. Mohamad Nizam Nazarudin, students were exposed to the development model of TGfU and the importance of physical education teaching using the said method, through practical sessions.

He said the presence of Dr. Rod created an air of excitement among students in learning the techniques and added an interest to later implement them in school the skills learned.

Meanwhile, Dr. Rod said in his talk, that children absolutely love activities that involved a lot of loco -motor or non loco-motor movements.

“They seemed to be more active and more inquisitive when the games were played as compared to learning activities in a classroom environment,” he stated.

TGfU is a teaching and learning concept created by David Bunker and Rod Thorpe in 1982 at the University of Loughborough through observation where they discovered that traditional learning of physical education gained less interest among students. It is an educational learning towards understanding which could attract the attention of children, either inside or outside of the classroom so that they would not feel bored.

The talk ended with a presentation of souvenirs to Dr. Rod by Dr. Mohamad Nizam who represented the Dean of SPPS, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ismail Ibrahim. – SS

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