Fresh coat of paint to protect kids

Company brightens up education centre with anti-virus and anti-bacteria product

NIKON Paint Malaysia recently spruced up the walls of R.E.A.L. Kids Kindergarten in Bukit Jelutong with its latest anti-virus and anti-bacteria Nippon VirusGuard paint.

The repainting project is a collaboration between Nippon Paint and R.E.A.L. Education Group Sdn Bhd to improve the health and safety of the centre for the children while enhancing its surroundings.

“Once young children play, crawl or walk, they touch walls but we tend to overlook walls as a medium that can host and transmit dangerous viruses and bacteria.

“This can lead to diseases such as hand foot and mouth disease or HFMD, H1N1 virus which causes influenza A and bacteria organism such as E.Coli and Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

“The silver ion technology deactivates the functions of viruses and bacteria, stops them from reproducing and multiplying, and inhibits the growth by slowing down metabolism,” said Seow, adding that the anti-microbial function could last for at least five years.

Also present at the event was University of Malaya Medicine Faculty Medical Microbiology Department associate professor Chan Yoke Fun, who explained further on HFMD.

“HFMD affects infants and children below the age of two.

“It is characterised by skin rash and ulcers in the hand, foot or mouth with mild fever ranging from one to three days.

“Common places that can transmit viruses include the play area, nursery, day care and even at home by touching walls, toys as well as door knobs.

“HFMD is highly contagious as it can easily be transferred through close contact, coughing, sneezing or contaminated objects,” said Chan.

She also emphasised that a person could be infected with HFMD more than once and there is no effective vaccine available, urging preventive measures including washing children’s hands frequently and maintaining cleanliness.

“R.E.A.L. not only have our students’ educational needs at heart but also their overall health and well-being.

“We are dedicated towards creating a clean and fun environment for our children while educating them on the importance of cultivating good hygiene practices.

“This joint initiative with Nippon Paint allows us to continue our efforts in protecting our children’s health and safety while adding credence to the range of value-added facilities to offer,” said R.E.A.L. Education Group president Ee Ching Wah.