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Dear readers,

Welcome to another issue of our in-house ebulletin, the eLingua, the second issue for 2016. As usual, it covers various events that had taken place in and around the campus that concern our department, plus some interesting contribution from our staff as well as students. I would also like to request for more contribution from all of you in whatever form that you deem suitable to be carried in our bulletin. Without all your support, it will be almost impossible to carry on. Last but not least, my appreciation goes to all the wonderful editorial team members who had taken trouble through their personal busy schedule to prepare reports of events. ... and 'SELAMAT HARI RAYA AIDIL FITRI' to all.



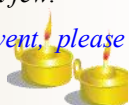
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Department Hari Raya Gathering

The Academy of Language Studies of UiTM Pulau Pinang held its Hari Raya Gathering on 22nd July 2016 (Friday). It was a joyous occasion for everyone as the atmosphere was electrifying, while the variety of food that was served was mouth-watering. The endless supply of food laid on the table was irresistible to all who had turned up. One has to just sample every dish that was on offer. The event which started at around 11.00 am, came to an end at almost 1.00 pm. Nevertheless, everyone had a great time chatting away while savouring the different food that was at hand: *satay*, *'nasi himpit'*, *pudding*, *chocolate moist cake*, *'tapai'*, *ice-cream*, ... just to name a few!

(For pictures of the event, please refer to [page 8](#))



The New Campus Rector's Meeting with ALS Staff

By Ms Noraziah Mohd. Amin

The new Rector of UiTM Penang, Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Fozi Ali had the opportunity to get to know APB UiTM Penang and its staff in his scheduled meeting with the members of this department on 1 July, 2016 at 9.00 am. The meeting was emceed by Mdm Farina Tazijan who invited Mr. Budiman to recite a prayer before proceeding to the next agenda, a welcoming speech by APB's Coordinator, Ms. Rosmaliza. The short welcoming speech was accompanied by a video presentation that highlighted APB's annual activities such as the English Language Day and Community Service programs apart from the courses offered by this department, such as the third language courses under the Kursus Kemahiran Bahasa (KKB) program. The Rector was also informed of the department's vision and mission as well as the lecturers-in-charge (LICs) of the diploma and degree courses. The meeting continued with the speech by the Rector who emphasized on his hope to see UiTM Penang as a research campus and the dominant force of MYRA scores besides his hope regarding this campus students' mastery of communication skills. The Rector also mentioned some issues related to APB, either at the university or national level, especially the department's collaborations with the private sector as well as the government programs involving knowledge and expertise transfer. The meeting ended at 11.00 am after a short Q&A session in which the staff managed to express their queries pertaining to some matters like the iCGPA, MUET and EET699.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fozi delivering his speech

... followed by a dialogue session with the ALS staff

Copy Right and Intellectual Property Workshop: How to Protect Your Work?

By Ms Noraziah Mohd Amin



Some of the participants at the workshop



The author and her colleague browsing through some of the materials at the workshop

UiTM Penang's library, Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak in collaboration with Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka Wilayah Utara (DBPWU) invited Mr. Fairuz Mohd Pilus, the Director of Copy Right Department, Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia for a workshop entitled, "Bengkel Hak Cipta dan Harta Intelek: Bagaimana Melindungi Hak Milik Anda." The workshop was held at UiTM Penang's library on 6 May 2016 from 8.00 a.m until 12.00 noon. The workshop was attended by three staff of APB UiTM Penang, Noraziah, Wan Noorli and Budiman who perceived the workshop as a good source of information on copy right and intellectual property for future publication opportunities. Among the topics highlighted at the workshop are the basic principles of originality, patenting, substantive test for a claimed idea for the purpose of protecting one's original idea, and laws related to copy right such as Patents Act 1983 (Act 291), Industrial Designs Act 1996 (Act 552), and Copyright Act 1987 (Act 332). According to Mr. Fairuz, the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia that was corporatized on 3 March 2003 functions with the enforcement of the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia Act 2002, and hopes to serves among others these objectives: i) To strengthen intellectual property laws; ii) To provide comprehensive and user-friendly information on intellectual property; and iii) To provide advisory services on intellectual property. Apart from the workshop, DBP's book truck that is also known as Ujana Buku came all the way from Kuala Lumpur and sold books as well as magazines produced by this publisher at as low as RM2. The book truck parked in front of the library was a major attraction of the workshop as the participants apart from the students passing by the library, crowded it to purchase the reading materials sold there.



Mr. Fairuz delivering his speech

Mari Pelajari Bahasa Thai

oleh Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar

UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang menerima sekumpulan pelajar berusia di antara sembilan sehingga 17 tahun dari Krabi, Thailand pada April 2016 yang lalu untuk program 'Summer Camp'. Untuk itu, sebahagian pensyarah Bahasa Inggeris ditugaskan mengajar mereka Bahasa Melayu dan Bahasa Inggeris. Selain daripada mengajar mereka, kami sendiri turut mempelajari Bahasa Thai daripada mereka. Mari kita lihat beberapa perkataan dan ayat mudah. Mana tahu, ayat-ayat ini mungkin berguna nanti ketika berurusan dengan rakyat Thai.

(Sila lihat [ms 16](#) untuk jadual perbendaharaan kata)



Sebahagian pelajar dari Krabi yang mengikuti program 'Summer Camp'



Penulis cuba mendapatkan respon daripada seorang peserta



Krabi dengan pemandangan menawan kalbu

EDMODO Workshop 2016

By Ms Suzana Ab. Rahim

An Introduction to Edmodo Workshop was conducted for the staff of the Academy of Language Studies of UiTM Penang on 22nd January 2016 from 8-5 pm at the Language Lab 1. It was conducted by both Mr Saiful Nizam Warris from the Science, Mathematics and Computer department and Mr Rasaya, our own lecturer who is also our ALS i-Learn Representative. The workshop, amongst others, provided the lecturers with useful info and hands-on practice on using this learning platform for our language classes. The participants were shown and coached to go through a series of procedures right from the registration of an account and the ways on how we as educators and administrators are able to monitor the students' progress in their assigned tasks or tests. True to its tagline of being "The safest and easiest way for educators to connect and collaborate with students, parents, and each other", the participants were exposed to various ways of collaborating with the learners for instance where it concerns ELC120/121 LIRA assessments or that of ELC150/151 PRL assessments. In fact, Madam Agelyia Murugan also shared with the participants her own experience of utilizing this mode of teaching in her classes and she emphasized that it was an effective method thus far. To sum up, a teacher needs to be innovative and maximize the potential in their learners which is obviously achievable via the adoption of this Edmodo platform; which does encourage real communication to take place and boost the engagement of the learners.



A montage of the 'goings-on' during the Edmodo workshop

iLearn Workshop for APB

By Ms Wan Noorli Razali

A workshop was conducted by Ms. Azlina Mohd Mydin from I-Learn UiTM Bukit Mertajam Campus on 19 February 2016 from 8am to 5pm at MAKOM 3, focusing on *Hands-on Blended Learning*. The workshop was successfully attended by 30 ALS lecturers. The participants were taught how to create interesting and attractive course materials and quizzes which can be published in ilearn via the I-Spring software for educational purposes. Driven by significant advances in digital technologies, the participants were taught how to make the audio-visual presentation of teaching material more interesting and appealing to learners. It is hoped that with the exposure given, the lecturers will be more motivated to adopt blended learning as integrating technology in teaching and learning has now become vital and invaluable.

Did you know?

"I never said she stole my money" has 7 different meaning depending on the stressed word.

I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget what it is, the computer will say "your password is incorrect."



Events ... (Conferences, Meetings, Trainings & Workshops)

Northern Region Vetting Programme for ELC & EWC Codes

By Mr. Liaw Shun Chone

On 11 & 12 April, 2016, APB UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang played host as the organizing UiTM campus in the northern region for the event 'Developing and Vetting Quality Question Papers'. It was headed by our Head of Centre, Mdm Rosmaliza Mohamed and coordinated by Pn Farina Nozakiah Tazija. Two well-experienced lecturers from APB Shah Alam – Associate Professor Dr Saidatul Akmar Zainal Abidin and Associate Professor Dr Asiah Jamil conducted the programme.

The two-day programme touched on matters related to setting and vetting of exam, principles and procedures in test development and Integrated Cumulative Grade Point Aggregate (iCGPA). The participants were diploma and degree lecturers from UiTM Cawangan Perlis (9 lecturers), UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang (37 lecturers), UiTM Cawangan Kedah (15 lecturers) and UiTM Cawangan Perak, Tapah (4 lecturers). Attendees were grouped according to several ELC codes which comprise diploma codes ELC120, 150 and 230 and degree codes ELC500, 501, 550 and EWC661.

The event kick started with briefings from both Dr Saidatul and Dr Asiah on the finer points of setting exams, the latest requirements of just focussing on one Learning Outcome (LO5) for Communication Skills for language proficiency and objective of targeting only one Course Learning Outcome (CLO) for each of the assessments in every language code. This is indeed a new development being implemented in iCGPA, an offshoot from the previous OBE (Outcome Based Education) system.

Later on, sessions were also provided for lecturers to discuss and highlight on their respective language code assessment papers on the language and formatting flaws as found in the papers. A checklist was also provided for attendees for this purpose. Both the speakers had to return to Shah Alam by mid-day and the session was later handled by Mr Lim Teck Heng from APB, UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang. He again displayed his updated user-friendly exam template for every participant to view. After his demo, everyone gave him a thumping approval for his innovative exam template which he intends to commercialise in the near future. The event ended around 1pm, just in time for lunch.



Dr. Saidatul & Dr. Asiah, and Mr. Lim handling their respective sessions



Dr. Saidatul & Dr. Asiah being presented with a token of appreciation by the Head of Centre of ALS UiTMPP, Miss Rosmaliza



The participants and the facilitators posing for a group photo

Events ... (Conferences, Meetings, Trainings & Workshops)

APB Academic Tour 2016

By Dr. Rushita Ismail



The Dean having a chat with the Campus Rector, PM Dr. Mohd. Fozi

On the 26th of May 2016, the APB staff of UiTM Penang was elated to have received the visit of the dean of the APB, Associate Professor, Dr. Normah Ahmad assisted by the deputy dean for academic affairs, Associate Professor, Dr. Zarina Suriya Ramlan and the head of centre for English Language Courses, Dr. Nooraida Kassim to the campus. Penang campus was the last stopover for this APB management team to complete the six weeks of the academic road tour.

The meeting started at 9.15 a.m. when Dr. Mah Boon Yih, the master of ceremony welcomed the top brass and invited Encik Noor Azly to recite the du'a for the smooth flow of the session.

Then, the dean shared the purpose of the visit which among others was to touch base with the APB lecturers and to update the staff with matters on the transformation of UiTM and the APB new curriculum. Issues concerning ATP, OPAL, confirmation, promotion and scholarship were touched upon. Before the Dean ended her session, she also covered briefly on the APB projects, namely English Exit Test (EET) and English Placement Test (EPT) and concluded with the APB book projects.

The session was taken over by Dr Nooraida who spoke at length on the English courses. Questions were raised by the APB staff on matters related to the updates on some of the ELC codes on Quickr. Several issues on not getting the latest information were finally thrashed out.

Before the break in the session, the rector of UiTM CPP, Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Fozi Ali gave a warm welcoming speech and thanked the presence of the three APB honchos to the campus. Dr. Mohd Fozi highlighted the significance of the session as it would enhance the rapport of the APB management team and the language lecturers in Penang campus.



A group photo with PM Dr. Normah, PM Dr. Zarina Suriya and Dr. Nooraida

Finally, Dr. Zurina Suriya joined the meeting after her one and a half hour briefing to the students and faculty staff on EET at Dewan Kuliah Hotel. She then shared the information on the implementation of EET with the APB staff before the session ended at 1.00 p.m.

It was a golden opportunity for Penang APB staff to meet and engage with the Dean and the two management leaders of the APB of UiTM Shah Alam. It is hoped that more sessions of this kind could be held in the future.

A Report on the English Exit Test (EET699) Briefing

By Ms Noraziah Mohd Amin

English Exit Test (EET699) Briefing as a part of the program, APB Academic Trip to the State Campuses 2016 (Jelajah Akademik APB ke Kampus-kampus Negeri 2016) was conducted on 26 May 2016 from 8.30-11.00 am at Dewan Kuliah Hotel 'A', UiTM Penang. The briefing that was emceed by Noraziah Mohd Amin was compulsory for the degree students from the March 2015 intake. About 200 degree students attentively lent their ears throughout the almost three-hour program including Madam Hanisah Hassan from HEA and a few lecturers. Associate Professor Dr. Zarina Suriya Ramlan, the Deputy Dean of APB who informatively delivered the briefing to the students on EET699, mentioned that the main objective of the test is to gauge English language readiness for the workplace. The test was designed to be a benchmark for the UiTM graduates' future employers' reference regarding their English proficiency since their results in the test serve as guideline for the marketability value of the graduates in terms of language skills. Students will need to pay only RM30 for the fee of the test which is of two components: speaking (online) and writing. In the question and answer session at the end of the briefing, the participants expressed their interest in taking the test and managed to get their doubts cleared with extensive responses by Dr. Zarina. It is expected that EET699 will equip the UiTM graduates with the necessary English language skills required for their career and employment.



Dr. Zarina briefing the students on EET699



The hall was packed with students who had come to 'know more'

Awards and Accolades ...

Glory at KIK 2016!!!

For the second time, our KIK team; Q-Brainsters has won third place at the KIK Mini Convention UiTM Pulau Pinang. The convention was held on 26th July 2016 and there were 5 teams taking part this time around. We had two teams from Faculty of Civil Engineering, one from Faculty of Electrical Engineering and one from Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies. The first place went to Ion team (representing Faculty of Civil Engineering), while the second place was awarded to Elektron team (representing Faculty of Electrical Engineering). Our team has also brought home two other awards which are "Best Process Project" and "Best Female Presenter". Our project this year: "Speaking Test Demo Video" had successfully convinced the judges that we deserved this third placing. This is indeed a great token of motivation for our team to keep on producing dynamic and quality projects for UiTM. The experience to be able to work in a productive team like this is truly priceless and with continuous support, we can surely improve our performance to achieve more accomplishments in the future. We believe that steady cooperation among members can serve as a significant factor for any team to succeed and thus, we are currently taking up another challenge to represent UiTM Pulau Pinang in the next level of KIK convention for the North Zone which will be held on 9th October 2016. Wish us luck !!!



Education Leadership Award to Dr. Mah Boon Yih!!!



The 5th World Education Congress 2016 (www.worldeducationcongress.com) was scheduled on 23 & 24 June 2016 at Taj Lands End, Mumbai with the theme "Quality Education for Sustainable & Inclusive Growth". Based on the recommendations by the professionals from the global research cell, Dr Mah Boon Yih's leadership and contribution to the field of Education is well established. The position that he occupies in the fraternity is strategic and iconic. As a thinker and doer, Dr Mah has become a role model and a believer in change. Within three years of advocating the concept of "ednovator" through the foundation of Web-based Cognitive Writing Instruction (WeCWI) since 2014 till the formation of WeCWI Integrated Solutions, Dr Mah has achieved and shared lots of invaluable knowledge and experience in EdTech, research, and innovation (<https://wecwi.blogspot.com>). Therefore, the Jury and Council of Board members has conferred the EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARD to Dr Mah, which consists of a Trophy and a Citation as a recognition of the Best of Best, organized for a professional cause. The list of 2016 award winners can be accessed at <http://worldeducationcongress.com/awdwinners2016.html>.

English Language Speaking Day (ELSD)

Thursday of every week has been declared as the 'English Language Speaking Day' at the UiTM Pulau Pinang campus level. In conjunction with that, the department has been organizing various activities to promote the use of the English language among its staff and students. Between 9.30 - 10.00 am every Thursday, the department members with the help of their students have been taking turns to carry out relevant English language activities at KOSISWA Walk as one way of encouraging the use of the language among the campus community.

Below are some of the activities that were conducted:

Language through songs ... (10 March 2016)

Pn. Suzana, Dr. Rushita and Dr. Rofiza could not help but feel that singing is one of the many ways that can actually help to minimize one's anxiety in learning English Language. Thus, they were in their elements on the day, singing to a crowd of passers-by two songs soon after the students of EC1102B presented their group singing of a medley of current English songs, much to the likings of the onlookers. Later, Madam Farina and Mr Budiman also joined-in to sing along "More than Words" by Extreme. Next in line, was another group singing from the HM1103RB1 students who took to the stage with two more songs. The session ended with a performance by the HM1153C students. They did a show of Total Physical Response (TPR) dancing and singing to a selected dance tune. *"We believe that learning English does not have to be confined to just learning in a classroom within the four walls. By sharing and showing others that there are a variety of ways to learn the language, the students taking part in this event who initially were nervous and stage-shy also were able to convince themselves that learning English can be fun and exciting if you will it!"*



Aerobics in English ... (12 May 2016)

Mr. Liaw's students from PHM2453A1A2 started off the event at 9 am with some energetic aerobic movement. After the warm-up by 14 participants, the class was divided into three smaller groups led by an 'instructor'. The three student instructors leading each session were Aida Sharina, Nurul Husna bte Kamaruzaman and Muhamad Nazrin. Each instructor briefed the participants and audience in English on the basic exercises that are meant to strengthen the lower, middle and upper parts of the body. All in all, the whole aerobic and exercise rhythmic sessions took about 20 minutes to complete.

The sound of music ... (12 May 2016)

The students from PEE2003B1B2 strongly believed that music can be a tool to improve one's English language. Thus, under the guidance of Mr. Rasaya, they took to the floor to express how a story can be told with different shades of music in the background to characterize the different moods of the situation being portrayed. After painstakingly practicing and preparing the necessary props, the students presented a stunning presentation of the segmented play very effectively much to the bewilderment of the audience.



Poets, News Readers, Actors ... (21 July 2016)

On 21 July 2016, English Language Speaking Day was conducted by Noraiah Mohd Amin and Wan Noorli Razali as the persons in charge of this program. The activities involved were news reading, role playing or acting and poem recital that were intended to improve the participants' confidence in speaking English in public. Some students emotionally recited poems with interesting tones and body language. The participants could use some props such as the flowers provided in order to assist them in conducting more realistic performances especially in reciting poems about nature. As for news reading activity, the participants managed to read the news with quite perfect intonation and most of them revealed that they had never done any news reading before. Some students really entertained the audience with their spontaneous dialogues while doing their role plays. Their sense of humor could be noticed as they seemed to imitate the styles of professional stage comedians. Apart from the students, a few lecturers came to the program to give their support and lend the lecturers in-charge a helping hand. Overall, the program received positive responses from a lot of students and the majority of them perceived the program as enjoyable and helpful in generating their confidence in using English.



Department Hari Raya Gathering

Bilik Perdana 1, Friday, 22 July 2016

(in pictures ...)



EdTech Seminar 2016 on WeCWI: The Instructional and Technological Discoveries

By Dr. Mah Boon Yih

Academy of Language Studies, UiTM Penang Branch had teamed up with WeCWI Integrated Solutions as the strategic partner to organise a half day seminar namely *EdTech Seminar 2016 on WeCWI: The Instructional and Technological Discoveries* on 3 June 2016, Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Bilik Perdana 1, UiTM Penang Branch, Permatang Pauh Campus, Penang, Malaysia. Dr Mah Boon Yih, who is also the WeCWI founder and consultant, was invited as the speaker. This seminar is targeted to all educators, academicians, researchers, and postgraduate students who are keen to be the education innovators or *ednovators* by staying *au courant* with the latest trends in educational technology as well as developing their preferred instructional tools to foster personalised learning. As one of the WeCWI Training Series, there is no hands-on covered in this seminar. Instead, it focuses on creating awareness and showing the guidelines toward the creation of web-based instruction using the recommended web 2.0 platform, blog. All the participants who have successfully completed the seminar are listed in the directory of WeCWI-trained Instructors at <http://list.ly/list/X0d-wecwi-trained-instructors>. Eventually, 13 WeCWI-trained Instructors were born as the 1st cohort who came from different educational sectors including public universities, schools and private colleges. The participating institutions were UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang, UiTM Cawangan Melaka, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Tenaga Nasional, Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris, SMK Pengkalan Aur, and Inti International College Subang Jaya. Based on the feedback from the participants, they were looking forward to joining the next seminar on *WeCWI: The Pedagogical and Theoretical Discoveries*.



The participants with the speaker, Dr Mah and the campus rector, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Fozi Bin Ali



Dr. Mah with the committee members for EdTech Seminar 2016

Innovate Teaching toward Personalised Learning through WeCWI Integrated Solutions

By Dr. Mah Boon Yih



Dr. Mah, with his latest educational innovation at the 27th ITEX.



Dr. Mah with the Silver Award won at ITEX 2016 posing with winners from other categories

After winning the PECIPTA 2015 Gold Award in December 2015, WeCWI Integrated Solutions was invited as the Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) contingent to participate in one of the largest invention exhibitions in the world, the 27th International Invention & Innovation Exhibition (ITEX), 12-14 May 2016 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. ITEX, a showcase of the region's best inventions from Asia and Europe, is an annual exhibition which features 23 invention categories related to innovation or technology. According to the organiser, Malaysian Invention and Design Society (MINDS), one of the most prominent features in ITEX is the Invention and Design Competition where local and international awards will be bestowed to successful inventors. *Innovate Teaching toward Personalised Learning through WeCWI Integrated Solutions* is the WeCWI Integrated Solutions' second innovation project led by the WeCWI founder, Dr Mah Boon Yih, collaborating with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nooritawati Md. Tahir who is the Director of Research Innovation Business Unit (RIBU), UiTM. This project aims to innovate teaching toward personalised learning by offering the instructors and learners three problem-oriented solutions: Web-based Cognitive Instructor (WeCI), Web-based Cognitive Language Instructor (WeCLI), and WeCWI Enterprise. Through the development and design of web-based instruction (WBI), it will be an alternative of learning management system (LMS) to promote personalised learning among the learners. Once again, this project was successfully awarded a Silver Award under the Universities/Educational Institutions cluster in Educational Items category, which has become the 4th medal won by WeCWI since 2014.



Creativity & Innovation (... continued)

Seminar on WeCWI Enterprise: Write It Right

By Dr. Mah Boon Yih

A seminar entitled *WeCWI Enterprise: Write It Right* was conducted by Dr. Mah Boon Yih at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Penang Branch, Permatang Pauh Campus on 25 April 2016 between 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This seminar was organised by the Civil Engineering Faculty, UiTM Penang Branch with the purpose of improving the scientific research writing skills among the lecturers as well as the postgraduate students. WeCWI Enterprise is one of the solutions offered by WeCWI Integrated Solutions. *WeCWI Enterprise: Write It Right* is a writing course grounded on WeCWI's entities, which is tailored for academic writing needs. There are four essential exposures in this seminar. Initially, the writing problems faced by second language learners identified through SIL's learner domain were highlighted. By scrutinising these writing predicaments, it would increase the participants' readiness to overcome their similar writing problems. Next, the participants were exposed to the fundamentals of WeCWI Integrated Formula, which entailed reading, discussion, and writing processes to facilitate their language and cognitive developments. Later, they were introduced to the principles of reading, followed by discussion and then writing, through multiple illustrations with explanations. As the ultimate goal of all, publication, was emphasised of its importance and requirements to an academic as well as a postgraduate student. Finally, the participants were guided to apply a structured hybrid writing approach namely *ProGenre* that comes with seven steps in order to write and publish a high quality scientific research paper.



The participants were engaged with the application of ProGenre introduced by Dr. Mah Boon Yih to write and publish a high quality scientific research paper.

WeCWI: Redefine WBI as an LMS's Alternative for Higher Education

By Dr. Mah Boon Yih

A topic of WeCWI Enterprise entitled *WeCWI: Redefine WBI as an LMS's Alternative for Higher Education* was presented by Dr. Mah Boon Yih in The Digital Education Show Asia 2016 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This is the third time Dr. Mah has been invited by Terrapinn Holdings Ltd. to deliver his speech at the Tertiary Education/IT Leader Premier Conference on 18 April 2016, between 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. In his speech, the essential features and dissimilarities between learning management system (LMS) and web-based instruction (WBI) as well as their pros and cons were highlighted, which offered the educators an alternative to adopt a more appropriate instructional tool in the higher education context. Due to the shortcomings faced by many instructors in universities where the use of LMS was concerned, WBI could be a potential alternative to LMS, apart from being underutilised. WBI comes with better futures in terms of autonomy and flexibility for instructors that are significantly needed towards personalised learning. Hence, LMS should not be the exclusive mode of e-learning applied in higher education. Instead, it is worth considering the adoption of WBI developed using an adaptable web 2.0 platform as the future e-learning mode for blended learning.



Dr Mah Boon Yih delivering his speech at the Tertiary Education/IT Leader Premier Conference in The Digital Education Show Asia 2016.

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving”

~ Albert Einstein ~

“To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all”

~ Oscar Wilde ~

“Death ends a life, not a relationship”

~ Mitch Albom ~

Life
Quotes

From the Third Languages

The Mandarin Language

Mempelajari Simpulan Bahasa Mandarin:

Kāitiānpìdì

开天辟地

Oleh En. Lim Soo Giap

Simpulan Bahasa Mandarin bermakna :

Pengasas sesuatu bidang berjaya memperkembangkan kerjayanya dengan begitu cepat.

开天辟地 - 形容始创人的事业发展迅速。

Mengikut cerita donggeng orang Cina, pada zaman dahulu diceritakan bahawa langit dan bumi adalah bercantum di antara satu sama lain, bagaikan sebiji telur ayam. Pángǔ dikatakan adalah pencipta dunia ini yang lahir dan membesar di dalam “telur ayam” tersebut, setelah lapan belas ribu tahun lamanya, Pángǔ yang berada dalam “telur ayam” tersebut telah memisahkan langit dan bumi, “telur” telah dipecahkan oleh beliau. Akhirnya telur putih dikatakan telah menuju ke atas dan menjadi langit, dan telur kuning menjunam ke bawah dan telah menjadi bumi. Pangu berdiri tegak menahan antara langit dan bumi, langit setiap hari semakin tinggi sepuluh kaki, bumi setiap hari semakin menebal sepuluh kaki. Begitulah berlalunya selama lapan belas ribu tahun, langit akhirnya berada di paras amat tinggi dan bumi telah menjadi sangat tebal, setelah Pángǔ melihat tugasnya untuk memisahkan langit dan bumi sudah selesai, lalu rebah di bumi dan meninggal.

Chuánshuō yuǎngǔ shíhòu, tiān hé de shì hé zài yìqǐ de, jiù xiàng yí gè jīdàn shì de.

传说 远古 时候, 天和地是合在一起的, 就像一个鸡蛋似的。

Shìjiè de kāichuàng rén pángǔ jiùshì zài zhège jīdànzhong shēnghuó zhǎngdà de

世界的开创人盘古就是在这个鸡蛋中生活长大的。

Jīngguò màncháng de yíwàn bāqiān nián,

经过漫长的一万八千年,

Pángǔ zài jīdànzhong kāishǐ kāitiānpìdì, dàn gěi tā dǐng pò le.

盘古在鸡蛋中开始开天辟地, 蛋给他顶破了。

Jiéguǒ, dànqīng shàngshēng chéngwéi tiān, dànhuáng xiàchén wéi de.

结果, 蛋清上升成为天, 蛋黄下沉为地。

Pángǔ dǐngtiānlìdì, tiān měiri shēnggāo yízhàng, dì měiri jiāhòu yízhàng,

盘古顶天立地, 天每日升高一丈, 地每日加厚一丈,

Pángǔ yě měitiān chánggāo yízhàng. Zhèyàng yòu guò le yíwàn bāqiān nián,

盘古也每天长高一丈。这样又过了一万八千年,

tiān zhōngyú shēng dé hěn gāo, dì yě biàn dé hěn hòu,

天终于升得很高, 地也变得很厚,

Pángǔ kàn dào zìjǐ kāitiānpìdì de rènwù yǐjīng wánchéng, biàn lìjié dǎo dì ér sǐ.

盘古看到自己开天辟地的任务已经完成, 便力竭倒地而死。

生词Shengci	Kosakata
合hé	Bergabung/melekat
长大zhǎngdà	membesar
漫长màncháng	Sekian lama
升高shēnggāo	Semakin meninggi
厚hòu	Tebal
任务rènwù	Tugas

Student Contributions

“MY GOALS”

Coordinated and Edited by Ms Wan Noorli Razali

On the first week of my writing class, the third semester students were assigned to write about their goals in life. These are some of their goals to be shared with all... enjoy reading!

The truth is I love everything about aviation and I dream to become a Flight Engineer. William Shakespeare once said that it is not in the star to hold our destiny but in ourselves and I believe, I have the right to create my future, be brave in any action I take and just put my shoulder to the wheel in order to become what I want. Being a woman does not mean I am less capable in competing with my male counterparts in the field of aviation engineering. Besides being a Flight Engineer, I also have another goal to achieve which is to bring my parents to Mecca using my own money. I know God helps those who help themselves and I will go all out to achieve my goals with the effort and strength I have.

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Everybody has a fire in their hearts for something they desire and it is their goal in life to find it and keep it lit. The fire in my heart is for business. I discovered that I wanted to become a successful business woman during my high school years. I have been planning and started taking baby steps into this field since then. I like living a busy life doing what I love, trying something new and meeting amazing people. My idol is Vivy Yusoff. She is the COO of Fashion Valet and I adore her so much. Ten years from now, I wanted my business to be known in the fashion industry and with enough money; I wish to ask my favourite artist to be the model of my clothing line.

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In life, I just want to have enough. I was taught to live simple and be a good person. To be honest, I am still on the journey to find the truth about 'simple life'. I am planning my life through education. It is never easy to become successful but giving up is not the answer. I wish to pursue my career in the field of mechanical engineering. In the future, I just want to get married, have a happy family, good career with enough salary and surrounded by good people with warm heart. Living modestly in the world for the luxury of the Hereafter.

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Being right on the path to achieve my goal in life, I want to become an expert in my chosen course that is Mechanical Engineering and obtain the title of a professional engineer or 'IR'. I want to be a successful automotive engineer and I want to have my own workshop to repair, upgrade and modify cars or even supercars. Moreover, I want to create a special modified system that I will install in racing cars to make its performance incredibly smooth and clean. I also dream to be involved with F1 teams one day.

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Ulasan menonton sebuah filem Mandarin: 'I am not stupid'

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Dalam kesibukkan harian, saya telah mengambil masa dua jam untuk duduk dengan tenang dan menonton sebuah filem Mandarin yang bertajuk *I am not Stupid*, Filem yang bertajuk *I Am Not Stupid* ini mengisahkan seorang budak yang berasal daripada Singapura menjalani kehidupan sebagai pelajar yang kurang cerdas dan ditempatkan di dalam kelas yang paling akhir. Pelajar itu, diajar oleh gurunya untuk menyayangi mata pelajaran yang mereka ambil kerana tanpa perasaan menghargai pengetahuan sesebuah mata pelajaran, susah untuk beliau mempelajari malah untuk memahami mata pelajaran tersebut.

Filem ini juga dapat menambah pengetahuan saya mengenai perkataan baru dalam bahasa Mandarin yang tidak diajar dalam buku. Walaupun sedikit, ia amat bermakna bagi saya. Bak kata pepatah "sikit-sikit, lama-lama jadi bukit". malah saya juga dapat memahami apa yang pelakon sampaikan, walaupun tidak banyak, tanpa membaca sari kata yang diberikan.

Saya amat menyukai filem *I Am Not Stupid* kerana ia sikit sebanyak berkaitan dengan apa yang saya telah lalui sebelum ini, dan membuatkan saya sebak kerana saya bagai menonton kisah silam saya difilemkan.

Selain itu, saya juga dapat mempelajari nilai-nilai murni daripadanya, contohnya, setia kepada kawan, merendahkan diri, kasih sayang dan sebagainya. Saya akan megesyorkan rakan saya untuk belajar bahasa Mandarin dengan cara menonton filem kerana ia sangat menyeronokkan.

Movie url: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2SJis0vgxY>



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Looking Back at Seven

by Rofiza Abou Bakar

1. Three demises
2. One lifeless form
3. Eight failed medical treatments
4. Merciless criticism, baseless hatred
5. Unheard screams, unseen tears
All for that
One hope, one wish.
A long odyssey
Mere wanderings.
Would there be an end?
Would there be an answer?
But then, having
6. Endless prayers from my precious mother, and
7. Ceaseless assurance from the better half
Reminds me to
Surrender myself to
The ONE and ONLY
Ya Wahhab, Ya Razzaq, Ya Fattah.
I now understand that
Looking back at Seven
Entails ONE.



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The Best Advice

By Hanani binti Ahmad Zubir

In my life experience, the best advice I have ever received is success does not come easy, so I have to strive hard in order to achieve it. Success is the result of many factors. These factors include our surroundings, being at the right place at the right time, and having sound financial background. I sometimes read in the newspapers, magazines, or watch on the television examples of success stories and wonder how some people managed to become successful. According to my secondary school teacher, the three important ingredients to success are motivation, ability to cope with grief, and good social skills.

Motivation involves our environment, rewards and encouragement from others. Motivation is also that thing within us which makes us want to excel or in other words, the inner drive. Success is when we are able to motivate others and ourselves. After all, human responds well to encouragement and positive words (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2008). I was not really smart back then, but managed to improve myself because I was given the right amount of encouragement by my teacher. In return, I am hoping that I can do the same, supporting others in various aspects of life. The most important thing is I need to have a strong desire for my own goals in life.



Besides that, we need to be able to cope with grief to be successful. Grief is a state of extreme sorrow which is a natural reaction to a major loss (Zerach, 2008). When we are sad, at first, we may live in denial and not accept the loss. We can cry for as long as we need because it may help to restore our body's balance after stress. It is helpful to allow others who used to experience the same grief to share with us. We should give ourselves some time to heal and tell ourselves that it is alright to heal. Success will not be achievable if we are not able to cope with grief.



We also need to have good social skills in achieving success. Social skills lie within an individual's power to exercise. For example, if we attend a job interview, to be able to successfully pass the interview, the interviewer will look at the way we communicate with them besides our academic background, whether we are confident or not in answering the questions. We need to generate the right image of ourselves so that we are seen as capable in handling the situation. Being friendly is the most that we can offer. Success at times cannot be achieved without getting cooperation from others (Himmelman, 1992). We cannot do everything alone.

In conclusion, people dream of success and I am one of them. I believe my teacher has given me the best advice that we should be able to achieve success through motivation, ability to overcome grief, and good social skills. Even though we constantly make mistakes in our road to success, do not give up. Life is full of obstacles and challenges to make us a better person, so the thought of doing something new should never be frightening but should be seen as an opportunity to develop. We have to really believe in ourselves or else who else will.

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The CREATIVE CORNER



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BRONZE MEDALLION: THE URGE OF CONTINUING A LEGACY

By Rofiza Aboo Bakar

Bronze Medallion is a basic requirement for the lifeguarding certification not just in Malaysia, but also worldwide like Canada and Australia. It includes among others the knowledge of and the practical part of water safety, water rescues and resuscitation.

My late father was awarded the medal on the 12th of March, 1966 by the British Army when he served them in Singapore. I was not even born yet. Only after his demise, and 50 years after the conferment, had I had the urge to take up the life-saving course at the age of 44 in order to own the same medal.

I was not a strong swimmer. I knew from the very beginning that the course was going to be tough, and I was right. So, signing up for the classes was to actually challenge my physical as well as mental endurance. For the whole of the three-month course, two persons out of seven participants gave up, and I almost did the same. The training was super tough. However, I remembered my dad's advice when we ran together in the 1995 Penang Bridge Run to not surrender even if I was exhausted. "Just slow down, but finish what you have started" he assured me. After all, if I stopped half way for this life-saving course, I would never prove myself to be up to par with him. So, I endured.

The training comprised various disciplines. Among others, we had to swim 300 metres below nine minutes, do the tow and mouth to nose resuscitation, and retrieve a victim with two blows. Besides, we had to learn many new techniques such as the straddle jump, compact jump, head first dive, feet first dive and defense performance to name a few. For example, in the water, a victim can be very violent and heavy, and thus, a life saver has to know how to defend himself from unfortunately being hauled down in the water and drowned by the victim, and at the same time be calm enough to rescue the victim and park him at a safe area. Doing all these disciplines left me almost breathless, but I remembered to "just slow down, and finish what you have started".

On the 27th of February, 2016, the judgement day finally came. All five participants, myself included, executed the bronze medallion exam disciplines, and Mr. Vincent Ooi, the Vice President of the Life Saving Society Malaysia, along with our coach, Mr. Jazredal witnessed our quest to pass the exam. Once and for all, the mission was accomplished. After a hard training and with Allah's will, we did it!

My dad's legacy, in the end, was rest assured continued. The only question now is... *who would continue mine?*



Throwing rescue with a 15-metre rope; the rope must be straight upon throwing. If it entangles, the rescuer will fail the test.



Listening to the examiner before the exam started.



Waiting anxiously for my turn to do a rescue discipline.



Our coach demonstrating the towing and doing mouth to nose resuscitation.



Sambungan dari mukasurat 2 ...

**SENARAI PERKATAAN DALAM BAHASA THAI DAN PERSAMAANNYA DI
DALAM BAHASA INGGERIS DAN BAHASA MALAYSIA**

VOCABULARY	KUMSUP	PERBENDAHARAAN KATA
world	loke	dunia
laughter	huaroh	gelak-ketawa
tears	namta	tangisan / kesedihan
hopes	kwamwang	harapan
fears	grua	ketakutan
small	lek	kecil
big	yai	besar
moon	prajan	bulan
sun	praartid	matahari
smile	yim	senyuman
friendship	mittapap	persahabatan
mountains	phukhao	gunung-ganang
oceans	mahasamut	lautan
divide	bang	pisah
Hello.	Sa was dee	Hai
My name is Rofiza.	Cheu khong chan Rofiza.	Nama saya ialah Rofiza.
What is your name?	Tharn cheu are-rai?	Siapa nama awak?
I am from Penang.	Pom ma jark pra thed Penang.	Saya berasal dari Pulau Pinang.
I heard that Krabi is a beautiful place.	Chan daiyin wa Krabi khue sathanthi thi suay ngam.	Saya dengar Krabi tempatnya cantik.
Bye. See you again	Jergunmaina	Selamat tinggal. Jumpa lagi.