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Noble Literacy Union English Tutoring Programme

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Noble Literacy Union is a joint collaborative English tutoring programme by Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Samarahan Campus, Northern Illinois University (NIU) Illinois, USA, Southeast Asian Leadership Programme (SEAYLP) and SK Dato Mohd Musa, Samarahan. This class was jointly organized by teachers as administrators and 40 B40 Year 6 students from SK Dato Mohd Musa who become participants of the programme, SEAYLP under the sponsorship of the USA embassy who were the tutors, and it also involved several students from the Faculty of Management and Office Technology as volunteers. The collaboration also involved two lecturers from the Academy of Language Studies, Madam Sheela Faizura Binti Nik Fauzi and Madam Aiza Binti Johari, Dr Azlina Binti Bujang from Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics and Miss Nurfazlina Binti Haris from Faculty of Business Management.

This is to expose the students to the best English language skills before they step into secondary school. These skills are expected to give exposure to students to study English more deeply with the help of volunteers from UiTM. Additionally, it is carried out to improve



the English skills of primary school students, to provide exposure on how to answer classroom-based exam papers, to encourage UiTM male and female students to venture into volunteering and to help increase the literacy rate in primary schools.

The tutoring programme was carried out for three months from July to October 2022. With the theme of gamification in English learning, the Year 6 students were exposed to fun ways of learning English. They have tried multiple games pertaining to English such as interactive e-card, Kahoot and English podcasts. The gamification of English has given the students a platform to learn English in a modern and positive environment. Since the students are already exposed to online games, it was a matter of activating the students' previous schemata and gearing it towards enjoyable learning experiences. The students responded really well to the tutoring and managed to score mostly 70% and 86% in their final English test.



The support of UiTM Sarawak Rector, Dato Professor Dr Jamil Bin Hamali has made it possible for us to complete an amazing international outreach to the local community. UiTM Sarawak is determined to explore other opportunities to gain access and help build a better Sarawak. Hence, UiTM Sarawak will always contribute to ensure the success of outreach programmes such as Noble Literacy Union.

