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Everyone had a whale of a time!!!



... from the Editorial Team

### Greetings from eLingua's Editorial Team

Hi everyone. It's nice to be able to meet again in another issue of eLingua, albeit after a long lapse. This issue will be the second for this year. We request humbly for your contributions to keep the bulletin going. Anything you wish to share with the rest of the department members is welcome. The bulletin would also like to extend its warmest welcome to the new department head. Ms Rosmaliza Mohamed, and at the same time wish the former head, Dr. Rushita a great many thanks in encouraging the continued survival of this bulletin. Last but not least, our 'SELAMAT HARI RAYA' wishes to all of you.



### Hari Raya 'Potluck' Gathering 2015

By the eLingua Team

On Friday, 7 August 2015, the Academy of Language Studies of UiTM Pulau Pinang held its Hari Raya gathering at Bilik Perdana 1. The function event started at 11.30 a.m. and ended at almost 2.00 p.m. It was a joyous occasion for all the department staff who had turned out in full force to share the spirit of the Hari Raya celebration.



There were simply too much food and delicacies to savour

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

### Blended Learning & e-content (BLeC) UiTM Pulau Pinang

By Mr. Liaw Shun Chone

A briefing on the updates and development of blended learning and e-content (BLeC) was held on the 21st April, 2015 at Level 9 meeting room, Perdana Block. It was well attended by the Deputy Rector of Academic Affairs, Dr Mohd Mahadzir, respective faculty heads and i-learn committee members.

The objectives of the briefing are to promote Blended Learning using i-Learn System v 3.0, incorporate “Humanizing the e-Content” for quality and rich content development, advancing ICT skills and advocating UiTM Learning Space.

Encik Mohd Nor Hajar Hasrol Jono, head of training division at i-learn centre conducted a lively and engaging discussions with all those present. On blended learning at UiTM, he stated that the Vice Chancellor has envisioned 30% of total courses of various programmes to be conducted online. Under the e-learning mode as endorsed by the University Curriculum Board on 28 November, 2014, Encik Hasrol contends that a blended learning course is not too difficult to carry out. What the lecturer needs to accomplish for one whole semester is to upload on i-learn or any other online platform 7 e-content materials meant for teaching and learning purposes (in .doc, .ppt, pdf and .swf formats), 3 types of e-learning activities such as online discussions and 2 forms of evaluation such as online monitoring of quizzes and class projects.

On matters related to Penang, he said that this campus was the only one that did not request for any training fund to conduct i-learn workshops or requested for funds in developing e-learning projects in 2014. Nevertheless, Penang still ranked third highest last year in terms of overall e-content development as compared to the other UiTM campuses nationwide.

Lastly, he also elaborated on the monetary incentives offered to lecturers such as the development of course materials for special projects SME-CW (SP), self-development SME-CW (SD) and open educational resources (OER). All in all, the sharing of his updated information and input from the participants enabled everyone to obtain a better insight of blended learning and e-content.



Attendees at the briefing, including some representatives from our department.

### PhD Research Methodology (North Zone) 2015: PhD on Time

By Ms Noraziah Mohd Amin



Our participants at the workshop

Three APB staff, Noraziah Mohd Amin, Che Nooryohana Zulkifli and Melati Desa attended a three-day workshop concentrating on preparing PhD candidates in their academic pursuit. The seminar entitled ‘PhD Research Methodology (Northern Zone) 2015: PhD on Time’ was held from 11 to 13 May 2015. The seminar was designed to guide and encourage students in the planning of their PhD projects overall, as well as sitting down to begin the initial stages of the writing process with the assistance from experienced facilitators like Dr. Mohd Mursyiddin Abd. Manaf, Prof. Madya Dr. Siti Akmar Abu Samah, and Prof. Madya Dr. Zamalia Mahmud. Among the topics covered were conceptualization and research framework, research design and instrumentation, qualitative research, as well as strategies in information search and organizing data. A lot of valuable insights were obtained by the participants from the seminar and hopefully the information would help them much in their journey towards starting or completing their Phd. According to the famous stand-up comedian, actor, author, and activist, Bill Cosby, “In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.” Thus, this seminar is expected to be the stepping stone for the participants to overcome their fear of embarking on their Phd mission. Instead, it will help them to face the challenges that may come along the journey with a strong determination for success.



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## Our Victorious Team at KIK UiTMPP 2015

By Ms Che Nooryohana binti Zulkifli

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2015, APB KIK Team; Q-Brainsters had once again participated in the KIK UiTMPP Mini Convention 2015 that was held at Bilik Perdana 1. We did a superb presentation on our project entitled 'Templat Penyeragaman Kertas Soalan'. The jury seemed to recognise the effectiveness of the template, therefore, letting us to walk away with the third placing in the competition. We believe that credits should be given to En. Lim Teck Heng, who is responsible for developing the template. That is not all! One of our presenters, En. Noor Azli Affendy Lee was also honoured with the best male presenter award. The second place went to 'Ion' group, while the 'Kristal' group triumphantly championed the competition. Our group was represented by APB English Lecturers with Pn. Che Nooryohana as the group leader, En. Lim Teck Heng (Facilitator), Pn. Rofiza Aboo Bakar and En. Noor Azli Affendy Lee (Presenters), Pn. Nur Afiqah Ab. Latif (Secretary), Cik Nurul Bazilah Abd Hamid, Pn. Syahirah Ramli, Pn. Farhana Shukor and Pn. Noor Laili Mohd Yusof. It was an outstanding achievement for our team, considering the fact that the 'Q-Brainsters' team this time around is made up of all new members. We are looking forward to creating more new creative and innovative projects in the future. Bravo Q-Brainsters!



The KIK team members who did the department proud.



Some members of the team posing with the mock cheque for the 3rd placing.



## OBE Workshop

By Ms Nazima Versay Kudus

Associate Professor Dr. Hoe Foo Terng briefed about 40 ALS staff regarding the latest Outcome Based Education (OBE) template on August 7, 2015 at Multimedia Room 3. Outcome-based education (OBE) is an educational theory that bases each part of an educational system around goals or outcomes. By the end of their educational experience, each student should have achieved the goals outlined. The goals are measured via the various assessments conducted whether through tests, projects, presentation or final examinations.

According to Dr. Hoe, outcome-based methods have been adopted in the United States education system since the 1990s. He added that several improvements were made to the current OBE template. Among them are the inclusion of SUFO, Entry Exit, CDL & CQI tabs to the previous OBE template. It is hoped that the enhancement of the current template will make assessment more valid and reliable.



Associate Professor Dr. Hoe explaining the latest OBE template to the participants



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## Editing Workshop for English Lecturers

By Ms Noraziah Mohd Amin

An editing workshop organized by the Consultancy Committee of APB was held on 18 May, 2014 at Bilik Perdana 1 from 9.00 am-5.00 p.m. There were more than 20 English lecturers who participated in this workshop. The facilitator invited was Dr. Lalita Sinha who was a former USM English lecturer and now an established editor and proof-reader for her own company, Quest Services (Quality Education & Student Training). She has also received many publication awards nationally and internationally. Among the objectives of the workshop were to provide basic knowledge of rules and skills of English editing, to explore practical problems and constraints with question-driven, guided-inquiry sessions and to assist participants to expand confidence in editing by developing and sharing their own techniques and experiences. The program was divided into three sections: Exploration, Production and Editing in Action. Substantive editing was one of the topics included in the workshop which refers to checking content and language, clarity, restructuring, consistency, typos and punctuation, spelling, fact check, and subject area expertise-terminology. There were some interactive exercises conducted that involved correcting language used in the sample papers given, apart from other elements such as mechanics. The organizer hopes that the workshop can provide the participants with a departure point to embark on editing as their new expertise especially in relation to scholarly writings besides helping the participants to increase their knowledge on editing for future prospect as editors or editing workshop trainers.



*Some of the attentive participants during the workshop*



*A group photo at the end of the workshop session.*



## APB MUET Seminar 2015

By Ms Suzana Ab. Rahim

Held on 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2015, this program was the initiative of the MUET committee in assisting the students of UiTMPP in taking the MUET. Funded by the Tabung Pembangunan Hal Ehwal Akademik, this program has brought about a prominent guest speaker, Puan Azian Abu Hassan who is now attached to the Majlis Peperiksaan Malaysia as an editor. She has successfully engaged the audience by providing them tips and the do's and don'ts in their attempt at answering the four components of MUET; namely Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Apart from that, she also conducted a workshop in answering the papers. It should be noted that she was also happy that the participants gave a positive and enthusiastic response to her questions and probes. At the end of the session, she wished them all the best for their journey in undertaking the MUET. The seminar ended with a lunch for the guest speaker and the committee members.



*Participants at the MUET Seminar*



*Puan Azian Abu Hassan of the Majlis Peperiksaan Malaysia busy explaining to the seminar participants.*



*One for the album ... members of the seminar organising committee with Pn. Azian and our KPP.*



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

### UiTM Kedah Colloquium 2015

By Ms Wan Noorli Razali

Nine APB staff had participated in the Research Colloquium 2015 organised by the Academy of Language Studies, UiTM Kedah recently. The event was held on 21st May 2015 with 7 research papers being presented. Some of the topics discussed included blended learning readiness, utilisation of language learning strategies, podcast as a learning tool and Malaysian Literature in English. The invited guest speaker at the colloquium was Dr. Preecha Sukkasem, the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Thepsatri Rajabhat University, Lop Buri, Thailand. It is hoped that the experience gathered at the event will shade some light on our own efforts of organising the ALS UiTM Pulau Pinang first language colloquium on 12 November 2015.

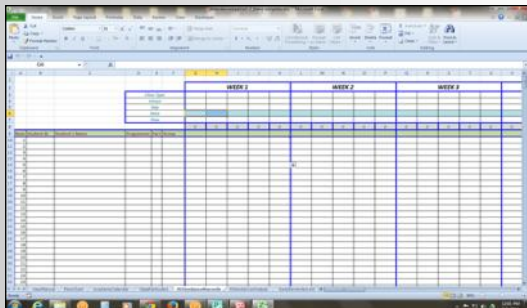


Our lecturers who attended the UiTM Kedah Colloquium 2015

### eAttendance Workshop

By the eLingua Team

The above workshop was conducted on 15 May 2015 at 3.00 p.m. at the department's computer laboratory (MB2). Five lecturers, Pn. Siti Nurshahida Nazli, Pn. Nurhidayah Sabri, Pn. Nor Raihan Mohammad Shabani and Pn. Syarifah Masyitah Habib Dzulkifli from the Faculty of Health Sciences, UiTM Bertam Campus and En. Jamal Othman of JSKM, UITM Permatang Pau Campus had conducted the workshop on how to use the new AttendanceAppVer1.3 Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to record and automate attendance analysis for students. Among the benefits of the application is that it will assist the lecturers in analyzing their class attendance at the end of the semester and also to generate individual 'Early Reminder' letters to the students concerned. The workshop that was conducted exclusively for the Academy of Language Studies of UiTMPP was attended by almost all the staff of the department..



A screen snapshot of the AttendanceAppVer1.3 Template



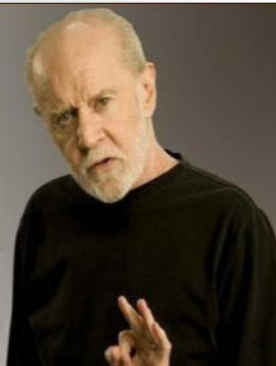
The workshop session in progress

amazing facts about  
*English*

'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language.

Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?

~ George Carlin



'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' (that approximately means "fantastic") from the movie Mary Poppins is NOT the longest word in English. What you probably didn't know is that there is another word that is longer than this one.

'Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis' is a type of lung disease caused by inhaling ash and dust. Go ahead and try pronouncing that!

You can check out its pronunciation by clicking the following icon:



# Special Report #1: 'English Language Day (ELD) 2015'

## A Day to Remember

### UiTM PENANG ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAY 2015

By Dr. Rushita Ismail

Eighty staff of UiTM Penang stepped away from their office on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015 to take part in the groundbreaking new event namely, English Language Day 2015 (ELD 2015). The program started as early as 8.15 a.m. with the registration of participants from all the different departments and units in campus. Ushered to the respective eight different classrooms, they were briefed and later engaged in activities such as role play, karaoke singing, movie dubbing and advertisement talk. Participants were enthusiastically engrossed in the four 45 minute's session communicative activities. Creative ideas were gathered and displayed by the active participants that time flew by when all were having a fun time.

The officiating ceremony of the English Language day took place at 11.30 a.m. The lovable emcee, Ms Nurul Bazilah welcomed the participants and introduced the guests of honor; who among others were the Rector, Deputy Rector for Academic and Internationalization and the Ilqam head of UiTM Penang. As the program director and the head of the Academy of Language Studies, Dr. Rushita began her speech by informing the audience on the observance of the English Language Day worldwide. She urged all the staff from different departments and units to work hand in hand in creating a favorable English speaking environment. She further emphasized that English communication culture should be cultivated in campus.

Later, Dr Ngah Ramzi, the rector delivered his speech. It was rendered deliberately in different English accents as to show the diversity of English spoken around us. He was overwhelmed to see that all the staff could come together to make the event a success. The campus English Language Day was officiated and commenced in June 2015. From then on, every Thursday is regarded as an 'English Language Speaking Day' in UiTM Penang campus.

The highlight of the event was the 'Tit for Tat' session with Miss Adibah Noor at 3.00 p.m. The Seminar Hall was crammed with students and staff and everyone was impressed with the affable Miss Adibah, the singer, actress, emcee, voice over and ad talent. Besides sharing her past experience as an English Language teacher, she also gave some thoughtful messages on how English language competence has opened more doors on being a successful entertainer. At the end of the session, everyone was captivated by a song rendered by her. It was truly a day to remember.



*Dr. Rushita, the KPP of ALS UiTMPP presenting her welcoming speech at the launch of the ELD 2015.*

*Associate Prof. Dr. Ngah Ramzi Hamzah, Rector of UiTMPP officially launching the ELD 2015.*



*Invited guests and participants during the launch of ELD 2015*



*The highlight of the day ... was of course the 'Tit for Tat' session with Miss Adibah Noor*

# Special Report #1: 'English Language Day (ELD) 2015' (... cont'd)

*A look at some of the activities on that day ...*



## Activity: Whose line is it anyway? (Movie Dubbing)

*By Dr. Mah Boon Yih*

*Whose line is it anyway?* or technically labelled as "movie dubbing" was conducted in session 2 of the English Language Day on 29 May 2015, Friday in UiTM Penang.

This interactive activity was run concurrently at two different lecture rooms: BKA2.17 and BKA3.17. Eight lecturers including Dr. Mah Boon Yih, Nazima Versay Kudus, Dr. Rushita Ismail, Wan Noorli Razali, Suzana Ab. Rahim, Rasaya Marimuthu, Farina Nozakiah Tazijan, and Agelyia Murugan were involved to facilitate the participants who came from different departments and divisions. A clip of less than 3 minutes entitled "Ali Baba Bujang Lapuk – Gaji" was adopted as the stimulus to engage the participants' creativity and cooperation to complete the assigned language task. At the end of the activity, numerous positive remarks were gained from the participants who had found this activity rewarding and entertaining.



## Activity: Lights, Camera, Action (Role-play)

*By Noor Azli Affendy Lee*

The first two sessions were handled by Noor Azli ad Nadiah at BKA3.19, followed by Cik Rosmaliza for the next two sessions while Maizatul

handled the first two sessions at the other room, BKA2.4 followed by Hafizah and Linda's sessions.

For the Role Play session, a brief instruction on what to do was given to the participants who were then divided into two or three groups (pair, groups of three or four). Each group was given a task to explain about a video advertisement shown to them throughout the session - their likes, dislikes, values learned, and whether the advertisement is impactful to the audience or not. While the advertisements were being played repetitively, the groups discussed what to present. After 15 minutes, each group presented their own opinions (each member presented) of their respective given advertisement. Many enjoyed watching the advertisements due to the humour element inserted as well as representing the culture of Malaysia. Although some participants spoke using poor grammar, the more important aspect was that every participant made the most effort to speak in front of the group as well as discuss together with their members to provide a sufficient oral presentation.



## Special Report #2: 'Program Khidmat Masyarakat APB UiTMPP 2015'

### Reading Workshop for the Orphanage

By Ms Wan Noorli Razali

The Academy of Language Studies of UiTM Pulau Pinang (ALS) underwent a wonderful and exhilarating experience when its ten facilitators and six technical committee members visited an orphanage recently for a noble cause. The visit was to the 'Pusat Jagaan Anak-anak Yatim Ummu Sofiah' on 8 May 2015 to conduct a reading workshop. The orphanage is situated in Trong, Taiping, Perak where about thirty children are living under the care and supervision of En. Abdul Karim B. Mohamed Isa and his wife, Pn. Faridah Bt Haji Abdul Karim. Upon arriving at the venue at around 11.30 a.m., the team moved the boxes of academic and story books into the hall and had a chit-chat session with Pn. Faridah, listening attentively to her bitter sweet experiences in her effort of building and maintaining the operations of the centre. Later, the team had lunch together with the children before starting the workshop at 2 p.m.

The children were divided into two groups. The primary-school children were exposed to simple tips on reading, taught to read a short fable and given the opportunity to read aloud as well as act in front of the others. Although some were shy and timid, they still gave their best performance with some encouragement from their facilitators. Meanwhile, the secondary school children were exposed to reading skills tips and some interesting reading activities. All of them enjoyed the session and hoped that the team will visit them again. While the reading session progressed, the six technical committee members worked hard at cleaning the book shelves and the prayer room. The program ended at 5 p.m. with a symbolic handover of the books and a thank you speech by the ALS Coordinator. Kudos to the APB team!



*A combo pix of the activities that were carried out by our staff at 'Pusat Jagaan Anak-anak Yatim Ummu Sofiah.'*

*"It is not about how much we give but how much love we put into giving  
- Mother Teresa"*

*"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honourable, to be  
compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.."*

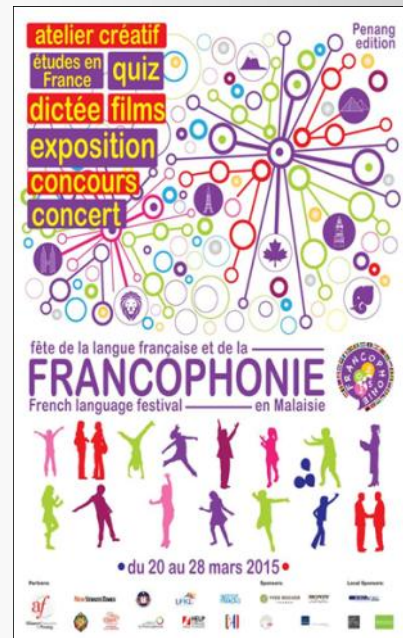
*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*



# URBAN French in Penang

By Ms Er Ann Nah

The French Language Festival was held in Malaysia every year by the Alliance Française School both in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. This year, the festival was celebrated from the 20th to 28th March with a plethora of activities to tempt students learning the French language. Among the program's lineup, students were invited to take part in a photo taking contest entitled Urban French in Penang. They were required to take a selfie with a French word found locally. 40 students learning French in UiTM Penang took part in the contest.



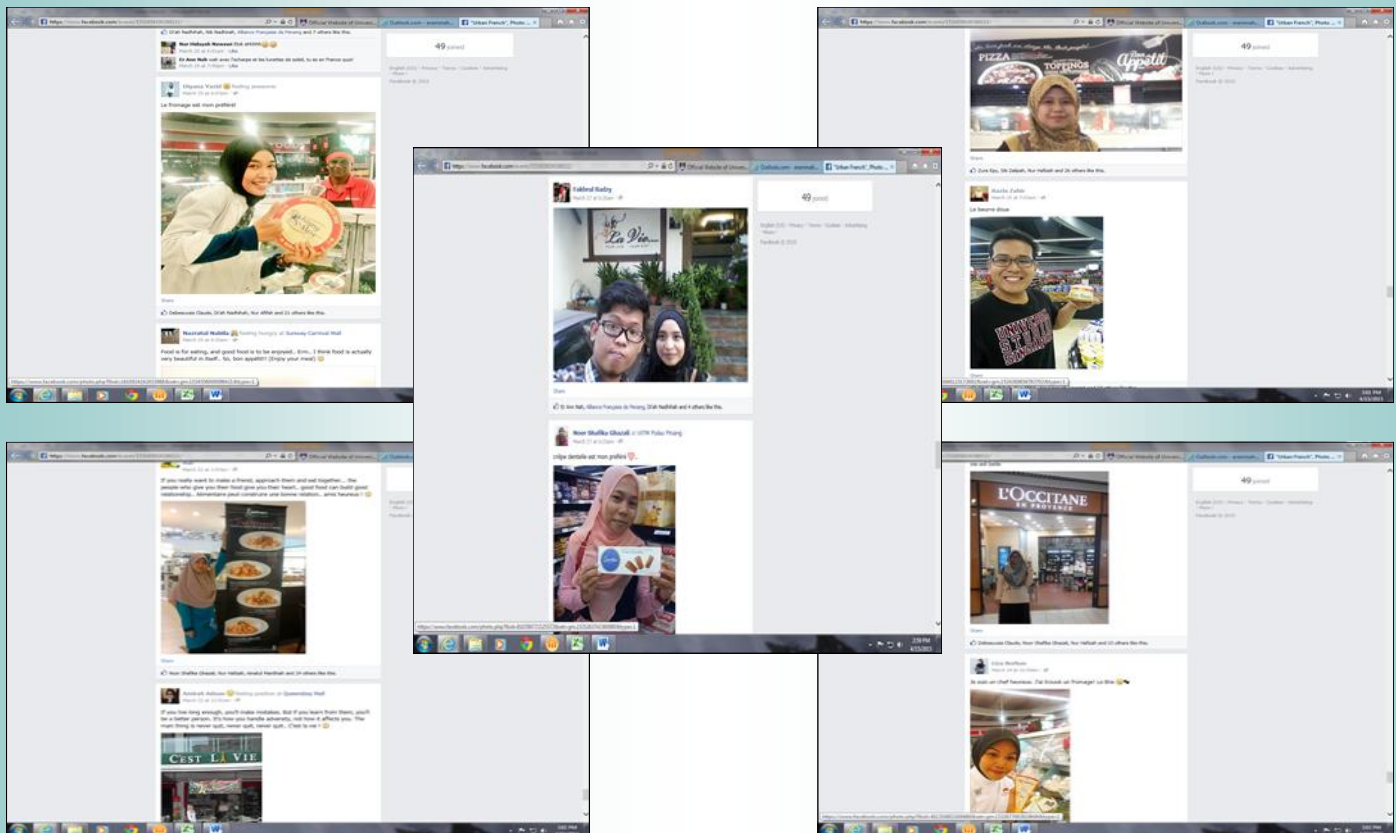
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# From the Third Languages

## The French Language

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From the photos taken, it was surprising to discover how frequently the French language is deployed in our immediate surrounding even though this language does not have a predominant position in Malaysia. It is equally fascinating for students to encounter French words in their environment thus consolidating their belief that learning French is not a waste of time and effort! Below are some pictures taken by participants from this university.



In order to win the contest, students went around diligently looking for French words discovered around Penang and took selfies. They would then post their photos in the competition's Facebook website. The participant that gets the most 'likes' will be considered the winner of the contest. To our credit, one of the participants from UiTM Penang, Nurul Atikah Azahari won the contest with 88 likes! The prize, two tickets to a concert by the group No Noise Percussion in Performing Arts Centre of Penang.

Bravo Atikah!

Link for the contest: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1531659100388111/>



## Invention, Innovation & Design Exposition (iindex) 2015

By Mr. Liaw Shun Chone

Invention, Innovation and Design Exposition (iindex 2015) was held at the Dewan Agung Tuanku Canselor (DATC), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Shah Alam, Selangor from the 27-30 April 2015. It is an annual international exhibition and competition organised by Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM).

The theme for this year is “Bridging Innovation to Maximise Commercialisation” and is set to infuse and accelerate the innovative culture among students, researchers and industry players as well as to generate monetary gains through innovation and inventions.

The four-day event attracted participants from the private and public sectors. There were around 600 plus entries and competitors were busy showcasing their products and inventions. Each entry was evaluated by two judges and participants were pitting their best skills and performance against one another to impress the judges on their inventions and innovative designs.

On the second day of the competition, Dr Mah Boon Yih exhibited his pet project entitled “Web-based Cognitive Writing Instruction (WeCWI): Rising to the Instructional, Technological, Pedagogical, and Theoretical Discoveries of Becoming a Web-Based Instructor”. This project was led by Dr. Mah Boon Yih with his team members including Liaw Shun Chone, Lim Teck Heng, Rosmaliza Mohamed, and Suzana Ab. Rahim. It highlights the training of educators in four different discoveries of WeCWI who are committed to become web-based instructors.

Only three teams from UiTM Pulau Pinang brought back medals in the individual competition category as Penang did not send in any contingent. In iindex2015, Dr Mah and his team members secured the silver medal award while the other two teams from Penang won the bronze medals. With this win, Dr Mah has won two silver medal awards from his WeCWI project. He had earlier taken the PIID 2014 silver medal award. Finally, for those interested to know more about WeCWI can visit Dr Mah’s blog at <http://wecwi.blogspot.com>



Our very own Dr. Mah Boon Yih busy explaining to the panel of judges regarding the team’s innovative product.



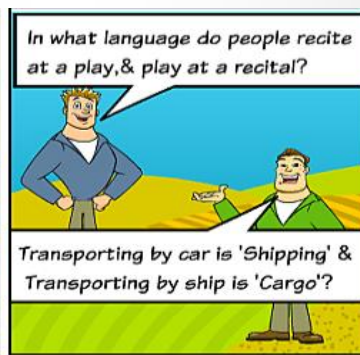
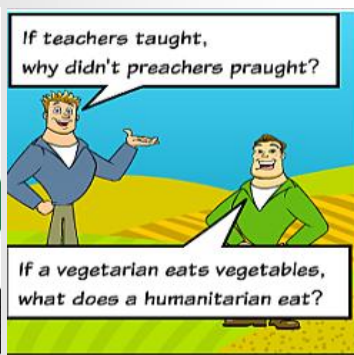
At the end of the day, it was worth all the hard work, as the team garnered the silver medal for their effort.

## The Rise of the Web-Based Cognitive Instructor

By Dr. Mah Boon Yih



WeCWI is featured once again in The Digital Education Show Asia 2015, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia. Dr. Mah Boon Yih was invited by Terrapinn Holdings Ltd. to deliver a speech entitled "The Rise of the Web-based Cognitive Instructor" at the Tertiary On-Floor Seminar Theatre on 15 June, 1:00 – 1:30 PM. Web-based Cognitive Instructor or WeCI is one of the main outcomes of WeCWI by leveraging the contemporary web tools to disseminate knowledge to in-and-out class learners. WeCI is trained holistically focussing on the instructional, technological, pedagogical, and theoretical explorations through four sequential stages: awareness, development, integration, and design. WeCI draws learners’ attention to reading, discussion, and writing by developing and designing a web-based instructional tool with engaging user interface to generate the critical and eloquent learners.



## Is There A Connection Altogether?

By Ms Rofiza Aboo Bakar

Fancy knowing what students can imagine, make connections and write about in half an hour using these words: 'Angelina Jolie', 'Cambodia', 'Taiping', 'a cat', and 'for your eyes only'?

Their pieces may or may not be logical, but they are hilarious and can infuse some colours and energy to a dull and dry writing class. Here you are...

**Angelina Jolie** dated me long before Brad Pitt did. This is our story. We went on a safari adventure in **Cambodia**. I then brought her to my hometown in **Taiping** to meet my parents. Unfortunately, we fought and she wanted to break up. I persuaded her not to leave. I even told her, "**For your eyes only**, you know I'm the nicest guy on Earth, right?" Her heart could not be mended with those words. She still left, and found a **cat** to replace me instead!



Rezza (EM1103A1/2)

I am a big fan of **Angelina Jolie**. After returning from **Cambodia** for a humanitarian work, she stopped by at **Taiping**, my hometown. I took this opportunity to meet her. I brought a white, fluffy **cat** along as a gift because I knew she loved cats. I was fortunate because I was given the chance to meet her. I even told her, "This cat is **for your eyes only**." She thanked me and gave me a big smile. I will not forget that moment for the rest of my life.

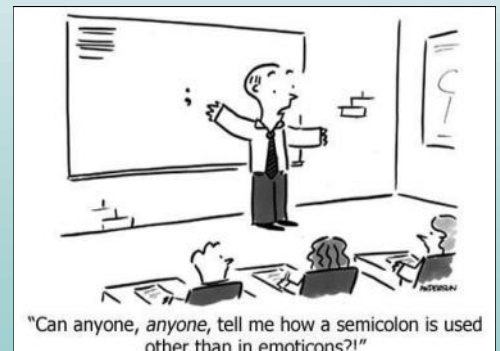
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## Language Funnies ...!!!

### The Correct Way to Spell Potato

If GH can stand for P as in 'hiccough,'  
If OUGH can stand for O as in 'dough,'  
If PHTH can stand for T as in 'phthisis,'  
If EIGH can stand for A as in 'neighbour,'  
If TTE can stand for T as in 'gazette,'  
If EAU can stand for O as in 'plateau,'

Then the correct way to spell potato would be  
GHOUGHPTHTEIGHTTEAU.





*When it comes to expressing themselves artistically, there's no holding back our lecturers. **Lingua** takes great pride in providing them with an avenue to unleash their creative power. See for yourself below!*



## Menjadi Seorang Pakar Dalam Pengurusan Wang

Oleh En. Lim Soo Giap

### Erti Sebenar Wang

Secara ringkas, wang boleh dianggap sebagai sejenis alat. Pada asasnya, segala proses jualbeli melibatkan penukaran barangan antara dua pihak.

Wang diguna untuk menunjukkan nilai barangan dan melicinkan proses jualbeli. Melalui kegunaan wang, kita dapat memperolehi benda-benda yang kita perlu dengan cara yang lebih sistematik.

### Sebuah Cerita Pendek



Di bandar terdapat seorang penggunting rambut, seorang tukang jahit dan seorang penjaja. Penggunting rambut mempunyai wang sebanyak RM20. Beliau memerlukan sehelai baju dan dia telah mulai berasa lapar. Oleh itu, beliau membeli baju yang berharga RM10 daripada tukang jahit dan membayar RM10 untuk membeli makanan daripada penjaja. Sekarang penggunting rambut telah habis membelanjakan segala wang RM20 yang beliau mempunyai tadi. Pada masa yang sama, tukang jahit dan penjaja juga perlu menggunting rambut. Mereka meminta penggunting rambut memotong rambut mereka. Setiap orang membayar RM10 kepada penggunting rambut. Dengan cara ini, penggunting rambut memperolehi RM20 sekali lagi.



### Apa yang dapat kita mempelajari daripada cerita ini

- Wang adalah alat untuk memudahkan proses jualbeli. Ianya mengalir dengan aktif dalam pasaran.
- Sekiranya anda mempunyai kemahiran yang tertentu, anda tidak perlu khuatir. Ini adalah kerana wang yang anda telah belanja akan mengalir kembali kepada anda melalui perkhidmatan yang anda menawarkan kepada pelanggan-pelanggan.
- Sekiranya anda seorang penggunting rambut, untuk menambahkan, anda harus berusaha keras untuk meningkatkan bilangan pelanggan anda.
- Apabila anda mempunyai RM20, anda hanya boleh membelanjakan RM10 atas pembelian baju. Ini kerana anda harus menggunakan RM10 lagi untuk membeli makanan.
- Peringatan penting- Berjimat cermat dan berusaha mencari sumber pendapatan.



Rakan-rakan sekalian, ibubapa kita bertungkus rumus untuk mencari wang. Apabila kita mendapat wang Ang Pau sempena Perayaan Tahun Baru Cina, kita harus menyimpan wang dalam tabungan ataupun dalam bank. Janganlah membazir! Belajar bersungguh-sungguh, menguasai kemahiran tertentu, selepas itu mempelajari cara-cara pengurusan wang.

**Semoga suatu hari kelak, kita dapat membalas budi ibubapa kita.**



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## From Bukit Mertajam to Padang Besar with Love

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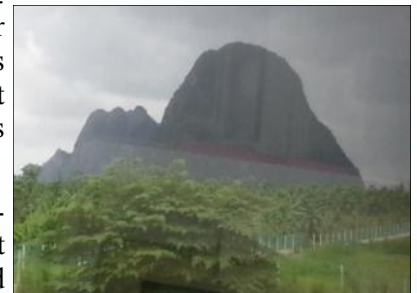


On the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015, I took the ETS high-speed train to Padang Besar, Perlis from my hometown, Bukit Mertajam, Penang. I felt very fortunate because I was among the first few to get on board since the ETS was only on its third day of operation then. The ticket only cost me forty ringgit to and fro but the experience was priceless.



*The Gunung Jerai scenery from inside the ETS coach*

The train arrived at the Bukit Mertajam station at forty minutes past seven on a fine Sunday morning. I was eager, and so did others since this train was the first of its kind to be operating in Penang. There were about fifty others who wanted to take the train to go places, or just for the experience. When the recorded voice of a lady announcing that the train was approaching, almost everyone got ready with his or her hand phone to ensure that he or she would not miss snapping pictures of this train and of their beloved ones boarding it.



*A limestone hill in Perlis*

The train then left, its speed was a swift 139 to 141 km per hour. I could not remember all the names of the stations it made its stops. However, I was certain that it stopped at Tasek Gelugor, Sungai Petani, Gurun, Kobah, Alor Setar, Arau and finally Padang Besar. It took only one hour and thirty five minutes to reach the final destination. If I can remember correctly, it takes me about three hours to drive there.

I have not been on board of the KTMB train for quite some time. The last one was in 1996 when I finished studying in Kuala Lumpur. My late father forbade me from taking an express bus, since he had no trust on some bus drivers whom he felt drive recklessly; so the only option I had was to travel by train to go back home. Thus, taking the train once again after almost twenty years filled me with awe. It was a scenic route throughout! I could not take my eyes off the splendours of the majestic Gunung Jerai, paddy fields, rubber trees, palm trees, ponds and rivers, and not forgetting the rustic and modern houses. It was just as great as the experience of boarding a Shinkansen from Osaka to Tokyo and witnessing Mount Fuji and the surrounding breathtaking scenery back in 2013.



*A passenger busy sorting pictures taken via his hand phone*

Undoubtedly, boarding the ETS from BM to Padang Besar makes me fall in love again with my own country. This flame, I am certain, will last a long time.

