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Kudos to APB UiTMCPP Specifically and UiTMCPP in General!!!

by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mah Boon Yih

University Academic Award (UAA 2020) is the most prestigious recognition of academic excellence among the lecturers of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) since its launching in 2009. The objective of the award is to recognise the academic excellence of those who have centrestaged UiTM at the global arena. A total of 13 categories were nominated. The main categories were Distinguished Academician Award, Most Promising Academician Award, Product Innovation and Commercialization Award, Journal Article Publication Award, Teaching Award, Book Publication Award, and Arts and Creativity Award.

Other categories were Academic Leadership Award, Best Researcher Award, Most Prolific Writer Award, Best Speaker Award, e-Learning Award, and Best Supervisor Award. Three UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang (UiTM CPP) academic staff received awards at the UAA 2020. The three awardees are as follows:

1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Boon Yih Mah,
Assoc. Prof.,
Academy of Language Studies - Teaching Award
(Social Sciences and Humanities Cluster)
2. Ts. Dr. Suhailah Mohamed Noor,
Senior Lecturer,
Faculty of Civil Engineering - Teaching Award (Technology Cluster)
3. Ts. Mohamad Syazwan Osman,
Senior Lecturer,
Faculty of Chemical Engineering - Product Innovation and Commercialization



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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mah Boon Yih, the founder of Web-based Cognitive Writing Instruction (WeCWI), was earlier awarded the Best e-Learning Award at the UiTM CPP Academic Award and HEA Engagement Day on 16 July 2021. On 27 August 2021 during the Konferensi Akademik UiTM 2021, he was announced as the recipient of the Teaching Award (Social Sciences and Humanities Cluster) in the event via YouTube Live (<https://youtu.be/SGEQAQ5JGiA>). This award has enabled him to be nominated at the Anugerah Akademik Negara 2020.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mah is also the first academician from Akademi Pengajian Bahasa, UiTM CPP to win the UAA award. His self-developed e-framework, Web-based Cognitive Writing Instruction (WeCWI) is the contributing factor to his winnings. WeCWI-enabled Remote Classroom is initiated in line with the WeCWI Integrated Solutions' motto—design thinking to innovate teaching or in short, design to innovate. For more details about WeCWI and its development, kindly refer to <https://www.wecwi.com/blog/categories/wecwi>.



The Changemaker in Education: From MIE to MIE Expert

by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mah Boon Yih

Microsoft supports passionate educators who intend to learn, improve, and work together as a global community. According to Microsoft, educators are the changemakers who build 21st-century skills for students. Through Microsoft Educator Centre or Microsoft EDU, the Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) programs are established to recognise global educators' endeavours to integrate technologies in designing a better learning path for better learning outcomes.



As the first step towards joining MIE programs, I started my journey being a Certified Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) on 24 April 2021 by joining the Microsoft Educator Centre and completing 114.5 hours (at least two hours) of training on learning the fundamentals of Microsoft tools and using them in my classroom. After acquiring the skills in using Microsoft technologies coupled with my innovation project, WeCWI-enabled Remote Classroom, I share my knowledge with students, colleagues, and academics through local training workshops, presentations at conferences, seminars, and webinars, blog, YouTube channel, Flipboard magazine, and social media like Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and Instagram.

As emphasised by Microsoft, MIE Expert is an agent of change who is self-driven, passionate, collaborative, inspiring, resourceful, and entrepreneurial in integrating technology into teaching and learning to achieve excellence in education. To grab a wider opportunity to work closely with Microsoft and connect with a global professional learning community, I completed the self-nomination form between May 6 and August 1 as a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE). The latest list of MIE Experts will be publicly announced in early September. On 3 September 2021, I was selected by the regional Microsoft representative as a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert for 2021-2022.



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If you are an educator who is constantly pushing the boundaries of designing what your classroom looks and feels like and strives to find new ways to engage your students, I would recommend you to be a part of the Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE) community! You can visit my blog post at <https://www.wecwi.com/post/from-mie-to-mie-expert> for more details.

