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ABRACADABRA 3.0

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The Abracadabra 3.0 E-Poster Competition programme for PPT (pre-commerce and pre-science) students of UiTM CPP Permatang Pauh campus was held from 20 December 2021 till 19 January 2022. The programme is a poster presentation competition that aims to increase self-confidence and English language ability, especially for pre-diploma students. This programme is an annual programme organised by Academy of Language Studies, UiTM Penang Branch to strengthen pre-diploma students' language skills. Getting a message through requires the ability to present information clearly and effectively. This is one of the criteria for the participants of Abracadabra 3.0 in order for them to win this e-poster presentation contest.

PPT students who were taking the ELC010 (English for Pre-Diploma 1) and ELC030 (English for Pre-Diploma) courses showed off their poster presentation skills using this year's theme 'Traverse Malaysia 2022' which offered contestants the opportunity to be more creative and observant in selecting a Malaysian attraction as their topic. 22 groups of students with 3 to 4 members each were selected from 11 classes. The selection process was carried out by their respective class lecturers. The programme was carried out fully online in which registration and submission of videos were done from 20 December 2021 to 7 January 2022. Meanwhile, evaluation was carried out between 8 to 18 January 2022 by seven juries consisting of English language lecturers from UiTM Penang.

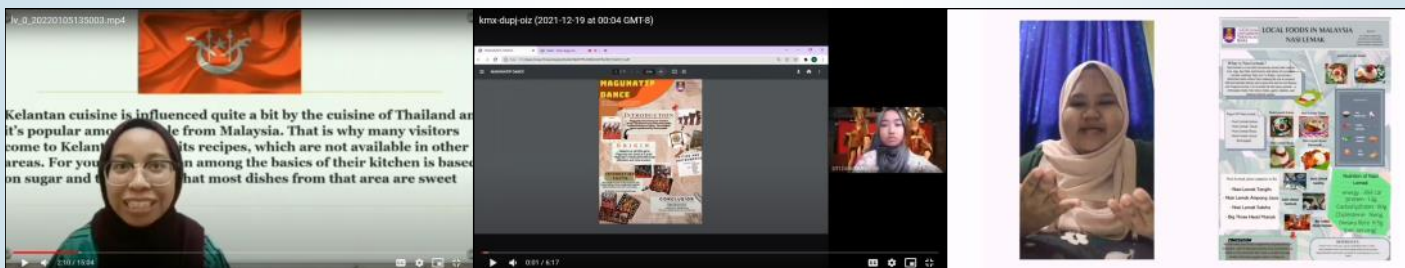
A collaboration was also made between the PPT lecturers with several students from the English Language Club of UiTM Penang, headed by their advisors, Mr. Noor Azli Affendy Lee, Dr. Nur Ilianis Adnan and Mr. Muhammad Aiman Abdul Halim. Prior to the competition, four videos were created by the English Language Club ranging from how to create posters using Microsoft PowerPoint and Canva, to tips and tricks on aching a presentation to help the PPT students prepare for the

competition.

The winners of this competition were announced on 19 January 2022. Third place was awarded to Ayu Atikah binti Ayob and her team members, Alia Maisarah binti Khairul Sham, Adriana binti Rashdan dan Adriena binti Rashdan. They presented different flavours of Malaysians' most favourite dish, nasi lemak. The types of nasi lemak shared are "nasi lemak kukus", "nasi lemak tanak", "nasi lemak biasa" and "nasi lemak ayam berempah." In second place, with their topic on an interesting dance, the "Magunatip" dance or bamboo dance popularised in Sabah, were Nur Afiqah binti Ahmad Nizam, Nur Ain Syakirah binti Haidir and Siti Zuhairah binti Azhar from Group PBA0021C. Finally, the first place was awarded to the best presenters, Nurul Syuhada binti Mad Rashid, Siti Hajar binti Munir, Nurin Mastura binti Mohd Pidaus and Siti Nur Aishah binti Shamsuddin from Group PPD0071C who won the judges' hearts with their presentation about popular delicacies in Malaysia, specifically "nasi dagang", "laksam" and "colek." This group passionately talked about these delicious cuisines with attractive visual aids.

A simple survey conducted among the PPT students on the competition revealed that the majority found the project to be interesting and enjoyable. They also said that they had learned more about the places, food and culture in Malaysia throughout the programme. The students also found it exciting to compete with their fellow classmates in the e-poster competition. Although there were some challenges in working with their group members, in the end, they managed to overcome the issues and complete the project successfully.

In a nutshell, this programme has proven to be beneficial to enhance PPT students' language and presentation skills. The positive feedback received from the participants suggests that this e-poster project should be carried out again in the future.



First place: Kelantanese cuisine
(PPD0071C)

Second place: Magunatip Dance
(PBA0021C)

Third place: Local Food in Malaysia – Nasi
Lemak

