

English Language Club Report

Hello Neighbour: Formative and Summative Assessment Using Web 2.0 Tools Workshop in Politeknik Seberang Perai

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Muhammad Yunus, a Bangladeshi Nobel Peace Prize winner had once said:

“A university should not be an island where academics attain higher and higher levels of knowledge without sharing any of this knowledge with its neighbours.”

Following this notion, three lecturers from UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang (UiTM CPP) went to our tertiary education neighbour, Politeknik Seberang Perai on 4th August 2022 to share some of their insights and experiences. Assoc. Prof. Ir. Dr. Zakaria Hussain from Pengajian Kejuruteraan Elektrik (PKE), Mr. Noor Azli Affendy Lee and Mr. Muhammad Aiman Abdul Halim from Akademi Pengajian Bahasa (APB) UiTM CPP were invited by Jabatan Pengajian Am, Politeknik Seberang Perai to conduct a 6-hour hands-on workshop focusing on the application of Web 2.0 tools for assessment in higher education. The workshop was conducted at Language Lab 1, Politeknik Seberang Perai and was attended by around 30 lecturers from Unit Bahasa Inggeris and Unit Pengajian Islam.

The workshop is divided into three slots:

- Components of formative assessment, summative assessment and Web 2.0 tools.
- Utilising Google Classroom for language learning assessment.
- Utilising Wix as an online assessment platform.

The workshop included hands-on sessions, where participants had the opportunity to “learn by doing”. Facilities provided in the Language Lab enabled interactive sessions where participants were able to follow along using the lab computers and ask questions as they actually try out the things they are learning.

Based on the responses, the participants agreed that it was a fruitful knowledge-sharing session that not only inspired the lecturers of Politeknik Seberang Perai, but successfully guided them (via hands-on tutorial sessions) to utilise a few Web 2.0 tools in their classes. From another perspective, this workshop is a good start to pave the way for future collaborations between UiTM CPP and Politeknik Seberang Perai. We share a common ground after all—educators from both institutions acknowledge that adapting with new technology in higher education is a necessity if we are to move forward in this competitive era.

