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## Abracadabra 4.0: Pre-Diploma ePoster Presentation

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After two years of having online competitions due to the pandemic, the Academy of Language Studies (UiTM CPP) has successfully organised face-to-face Abracadabra 4.0: Pre-Diploma Competition this semester. Abracadabra 4.0 is a poster presentation competition that aims to increase self-confidence and strengthen English language ability, specifically for Pre-diploma students. The theme for this semester is 'Ain't No Other Place but Mother Earth'.

The competition started with the selection of the finalists from 27 June 2022 to 8 July 2022. The two best groups from Pre-diploma classes (PBA0021A and PBA0021B) were selected to compete in the final round held on 14 July 2022 at Bilik Perdana (BP1). The titles presented were 'Deforestation', 'Air Pollution', 'Animal Extinction: Orangutans' and 'Zero Waste at Home'. The juries consisted of Associate Professor Dr Rofiza Aboo Bakar, Dr Isma Noornisa Ismail and Puan Norhafizah Abdul Halil.

In her opening remarks, Associate Professor Dr Rofiza Aboo Bakar (Head of Learning Centre, Academy of Language Studies) had welcomed the idea of conducting such competitions to enable students to showcase their public speaking and presentation skills. To the students specifically, she had encouraged them to always build on their existing communication and presentation skills in the English language and hoped that they would continue to always find ways and means to improve themselves further beyond this competition.

Even though it was the students' first time presenting in front of a live audience, all the groups showed outstanding presentations. Some students have demonstrated their creativity by including role-plays, videos, and songs in their presentations. The group that presented on 'Air Pollution' won first place and 'Deforestation' won second place, while Nur Firas Murni Binti Shafie from PBA0021A was awarded the best presenter. Consolation prizes were also given to the remaining two groups. Prizes were presented by Assoc Prof Dr Rofiza Aboo Bakar and Puan Suhaiza Hassan (Coordinator for Pra Pengajian Tinggi).

Abracadabra 4.0 is an excellent platform for uncovering students' abilities in both hard skills and soft skills. Besides acquiring knowledge through preparations and presentations, students could boost their self-confidence and step beyond their comfort zone. They have pushed themselves to do something they have never done before. Thus, this competition should continue in the future as it can produce many more competitive and skillful UiTM CPP students.



Best Presenter – Nur Firas Murni Binti Shafie



The Champions (Group 4)



The Runner-up (Group 1)



Consolation Prize (Group 2)



Consolation Prize (Group 3)



PreDiploma students turned-out in full force for the event



A group photo at the conclusion of the ePoster Competition

