



ABRACADABRA 5.0

The Academy of Language Studies and Pre-Diploma Unit at UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch organized the 5th semester pre-diploma poster competition, Abracadabra 5.0, which took place from January 16th to 28th, 2023.

This program was open to pre-diploma students who were taking ELC010 and ELC030 (English for Pre-Diploma) and served as a platform for them to apply and practice their English in a real and competitive context. The competition aimed to improve the students' communication skills and confidence level in English.

The theme for the competition was 'Creating a Sustainable Future'. During the selection phase from January 16th to 27th, 32 groups consisting of a total of 128 contestants were chosen by their respective lecturers. These groups, representing their classes, then competed in the main event of the competition on January 28th, 2023 in front of a judging panel composed of 16 judges. All contestants demonstrated impressive skills and talents in decorating their booths and presenting in front of the crowds.

The main event on January 28th, 2023



First place: The Peranakans (PBA0021B)



Best presenter: Nurnabila Yasmin Binti Zainal Asmady (PAS0071C)

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The winners are as follows:

- First place and best poster award were awarded to Azly Wafiy Bin Mohammad and team from group PBA0021B. Their poster titled 'The Peranakans' showcased the rich cultures of Peranakans found in Malaysia, particularly in Melaka and Penang.
- Second place was accorded to Muhammad Hafizul Hakim Bin Khairul Anuar and his team from group PAS0071A. Their poster entitled 'Life on Land' highlighted the status quo of forests' biodiversity and preservation around the world.
- Third place was granted to Azmil Nurhaziq Bin Mazlisham and his team from group PBA0021J for their poster 'Towards Zero Poverty in Malaysia'. The poster focused on the current socioeconomic situation of B40 groups and presented strategies to cope with poverty in Malaysia.
- Nurnabila Yasmin Binti Zainal Asmady from the group PAS0071C was awarded the best presenter for demonstrating excellent proficiency in English while presenting her group's poster.
- Group PBA0021C was awarded the best booth for their impressive prototype of a drainage net designed to reduce water pollution. The judges were mesmerized by their creation.

The event has demonstrated that pre-diploma students can successfully compete in innovative competitions with proper guidance and motivation from their lecturers. The contestants largely provided positive feedback, as they appreciated the real-life application of their English lessons. Most of them agreed that events like this are necessary to align with the demands of 21st century learning processes. Given the success of Abracadabra 5.0, it is suggested that this poster competition be held again in the near future.