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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Assalamua'laikum & salam UiTM,

It is another semester for online learning. Students cannot return to the campus since more states had a steady increase in the number of infectees resulting in the semester being held fully online.

This had not stopped APB lecturers from striving through the semester with teaching and learning workshops, reviewing books, collaborating with an international institution and improving themselves with IT related skills.

As all were wondering whether the pandemic would stop in October, CMCO had to be executed from November until February. Yet, we continued to thrive.

This is another record of APB's thriving matter. May this edition show you the never-ending hard work of APB lecturers. Happy reading.:)

Truthfully yours,

# PUBLICATION:

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### Title:

Golden Exponential Smoothing:
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### E-Journal:

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#### Title:

The Preliminary Study of Oil Removal Using Lemon Peel Waste

#### Date:

102.12.2020

#### **Authors:**

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MALAYSIAN JOURNAL OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (MJCET)





# PUBLICATION: NEWSPAPER ARTICLE



## Be disciplined in wearing, disposing face masks

February 18, 2021 @ 4:07pm











People carelessly leave behind their face masks in restaurants, shops and parks. These sometimes get trapped in drains and are an environmental hazard. This disgraceful offense has also posed a bad image on our society. - NSTP/ASYRAF HAMZAH.

LETTER: Since the Covid-19 outbreak, the government of Malaysia has made it mandatory for Malaysian citizens to wear face masks.

If you are caught without wearing your face mask in public premises, you can be fined up to RM1,000 under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act. That is how serious the matter is.

Cultivating the habit of wearing a face mask every time we have to leave our homes is part of the new norm. It can be quite a cute fashion statement with the different designs found in the market.

The basic three ply comes in recyclable packages and now they even have different colours and patterns for them. For Muslim women, my friend showed me a button ribbon to tie behind the ends of the mask to hold it firm. That has also become a hot new market item.



## PUBLICATION: Newspaper article



Personally, in the beginning, I have to admit that I was just going with the flow of wearing the mask since everyone was doing it. But, now I have come to view it as a weapon to protect myself in defence against the virus.

It may be uncomfortable to wear the mask sometimes, as my mum complains she cannot breathe wearing it and a friend recently suffered allergy to the disposable face mask.

Even on the internet, people have gone viral disclaiming the effectiveness of face masks to eradicate the spread of the virus. And the fact that the voice from the internet claims to be from medical experts and scientists have made the situation more dubious.

In a recent study conducted by a group of university students, it was found that there were positive benefits of wearing face masks besides other preventive measures like washing hands regularly and social distancing.

The findings indicated that 87 per cent of students understood and are aware that they should comply to wearing face masks while 89 percent responded that it was also necessary to keep social and physical distance even when wearing face masks. However, 33 percent preferred not to wear face masks if given the choice.

That being said, while wearing face mask is the new norm that cannot be avoided, there is also a new 'unhealthy norm' that is seeping into our society – the disposing of disposable face masks. It is unhygienic to reuse disposable face masks, but what is worse is not disposing of the face mask properly.

People carelessly leave behind their face masks in restaurants, shops and parks. These sometimes get trapped in drains and are an environmental hazard. This disgraceful offense has also posed a bad image on our society.

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After all that has been said and done, let's ask ourselves, is it so hard to wear a face mask? If you have worn your face mask, is it so hard to dispose of it properly? All I have to say is, please be responsible for your actions!

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#### INNOVATION & INVENTION





ECONDEV 2020 RNR LANGUAGE STATION WON GOLD MEDAL



DR SIANG LAY CHOO, NUR FARRAH ATIQAH BINTI ADNAN, PM DR SOO KUM YOKE

20.10.2020



3 APB UITM REMBAU TEAMS WON SILVER AND BRONZE RESPECTIVELY IN IIDEX 2020 TEAM 1: PM DR SOO KUM YOKE AND TEAM (THE



NEW HYBRID TEXTBOOK OF ODL) (BRONZE)
TEAM 2: PM DR NORWATI HAJI ROSLIM AND TEAM
(CORPUS-INFORMED MATERIALS FOR



UNDERPRIVILEGED COMMUNITY: THE SECRETS OF THRILLS N' CHILLS) (SILVER)

TEAM 3: PUAN NUR FAATHINAH AND TEAM (LIPAT-ABLE POWER UP PACK) (SILVER)



PM DR SOO KUM YOKE, PM DR NORWATI HAJI ROSLIM, PUAN NUR FAATHINAH BT MOHAMMAD ROSHDAN

6.11.2020



GRAMMAR LEARNING ADVENTURES
(GLAD): PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION IN
RURAL SCHOOLS
WON GOLD IN THE INTERNATIONAL
VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL INVENTION,
INNOVATION, AND DESIGN
COMPETITION 2020 (IVEDIIC2020)



15.12.2020



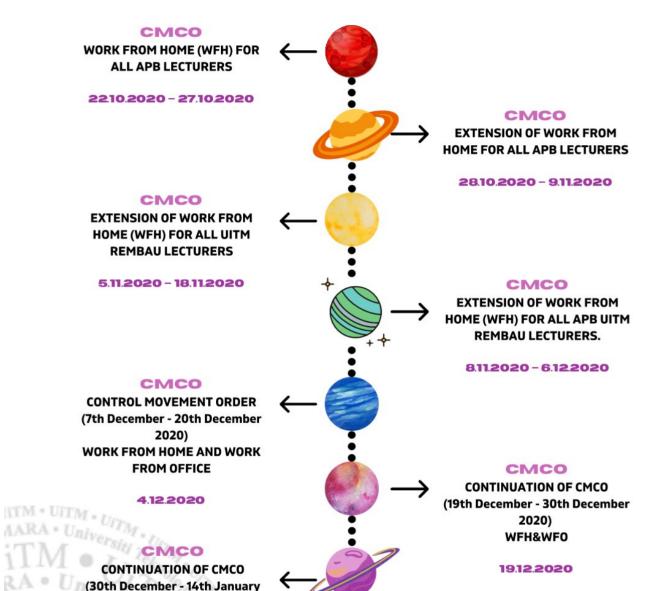
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CONTROL ORDER

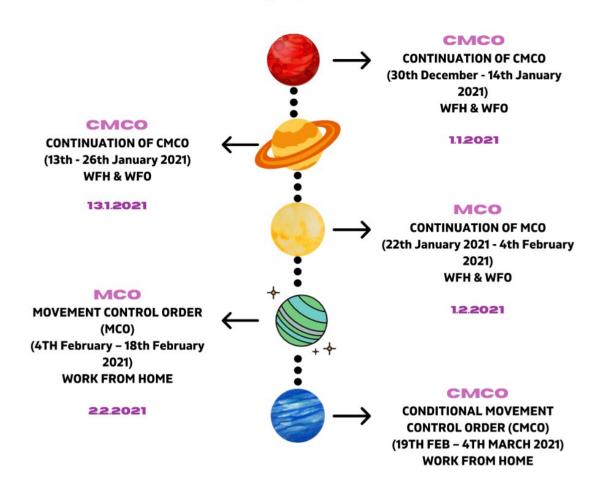
## MCO & CMCO: THE TIMELINE



30.12.2020

2021) WFH&WFO

## MCO & CMCO: THE TIMELINE



19.2.2021

#### EVENT:

## FAREWELL PARTY FOR DR AZHANI & CIK FATIN

## 02.09.2020, 10.00 AM BILIK REHAT PENSYARAH LEVEL 4



On the 2nd September 2020, APB Rembau held a small farewell party for two Part-Time lecturers, Dr Azhani and Cik Fatin. It was held at the lecturer's pantry at level 4. Dr Azhani will be pursuing a new career while Cik Fatin will continue with her future plans.

Each lecturer had expressed their plans and was glad to be able to work with APB Rembau. At the end of the party, they received a token of appreciation for their effort and willingness in sharing their skills with APB Rembau.

From left: Cik Fatin, Puan Farah Shalin & Dr Azhani







## (HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & STRATEGIC PLANNING)

MEETING WITH FELLOW LECTURER-IN-CHARGE AND DISCUSSION ON APB'S STRATEGIC PLANNING



## 04.09.2020, 10.00 AM BILIK MESYUARAT UTAMA LEVEL 4





On the 4th September 2020, APB Rembau held a meeting to discuss the department's strategic planning for the year of 2021. The meeting was held at Bilik Mesyuarat Utama, Level 4. It was officiated and was led by our beloved APB Rembau's Coordinator, Prof Madya Dr Soo. The meeting started with the October 2020/2021's semester plan for all courses that will be taught by APB lecturers, followed by a presentation of APB's strategic plan for the year 2021. All lecturers had gathered to discuss and share their inputs on the best ways to execute the plans presented by PM Dr Soo. The meeting ended with a fruitful discussion as lecturers had expressed their hopes to lead and to manage a better learning experience for the new students whom would be starting their semester in October 2020.





From top left to bottom right: PM Dr Soo, PM Dr Norwati, Puan Khairon Nisa, Puan Hazwati and Puan Nur Faathinah

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# (HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT) WORKSHOP ON MATERIAL DESIGN FOR ODL APB REMBAU



#### 07.09.2020 - 09.09.2020, 8 AM TO 5 PM MAKMAL BAHASA 1



Top left:
PM Dr Soo was briefing lecturers on
the slots for the workshop



Top centre: Puan Nur Faathinah during her presentation for ELC121

On the 7th September 2020, APB Rembau had organized a 3-day workshop on designing online learning materials for English, Arab & Mandarin courses. The workshop was officiated by PM Dr Soo, our beloved coordinator. For the English courses, LICs or lecturer-in-charge had assigned tasks on Google Drive and lecturers worked together on the contents which would be uploaded on shared Google Drive folders. Dr Siang, Puan Nor Haniza, Puan Nur Faathinah, PM Dr Norwati, Puan Khairon Nisa, Puan Hazwati and Puan Mashitah had elaborated and curated materials which would be uploaded on the courses' Google Drive folders. The 3-day workshop had managed to help lecturers developed proper teaching and learning materials which can be used in the October 2020's new semester.



Puan Khairon Nisa during her presentation for ELC231



APB lecturers keenly listened to the speakers' presentation



#### (HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)

#### REMEDIAL AND REFRESHER LANGUAGE STATION: PADLET AND QUIZLET



#### 10.09.2020, 8 AM TO 10 AM MAKMAL BAHASA 1



PM Dr Soo is ready to teach us!

On the 10th September 2020, APB Rembau lecturers continued to polish their teaching skill through another workshop which introduced Padlet and Quizlet, two educational websites. Lecturers were encouraged to use the website for gathering materials and playing a quick online quiz with their students. The session was led by PM Dr Soo whom had taken her effort and time to explain the ways of using both educational websites. APB Rembau is grateful for the opportunity given by PM Dr Soo in learning how to use Padlet and Quizlet.



Quizlet on the big screen



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APB Rembau lecturers presented a token of appreciation to PM Dr Soo.

## (HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT) AKRAB MEETING APB KUALA PILAH'S TEAM

#### 21.09.2020, 8 AM TO 3 PM UITM KUALA PILAH



Puan Nor Fazlika, APB Kuala Pilah's team leader for AKRAB

On the 21st September 2020, PM Dr Norwati, Puan Faathinah, Encik Shahrul and Puan Nadiah travelled to UiTM Kuala Pilah's campus for another discussion about the format of AKRAB's report. The coordinator for APB Kuala Pilah's AKRAB team was Puan Nor Fazlika Abd Karim, who had extended a welcoming hand to APB Rembau's AKRAB team. During the meeting, she had shared a copy of an AKRAB report which had won a category in 2019. The discussion continued with the comparison of reports between the two teams. APB Rembau's team had gained a lot of wisdom on the ways to prepare the AKRAB report. The meeting ended in the afternoon where Puan Nor Fazlika and her team members treated the team for lunch and wished them their best for the upcoming AKRAB report.



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PM Dr Norwati, Puan Faathinah and Encik Shahrul were taking notes during the comparison of AKRAB reports from both campuses

## PTAR BOOK REVIEW SERIE 2: READ. KNOWLEDGE AND SHARE



25.09.2020, 10 AM GOOGLE MEET





Puan Nadiah reviewed a self-help book entitled "Introducing Assertiveness: A Practical Guide "by David Bonham Carter On the 25th September 2020, one of APB lecturers had joined a book sharing session which was organized by Perpustakan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR) Rembau. The title of the book was "Introducing Assertiveness: A Practical Guide" by David Bonham Carter. This book was reviewed by Puan Nadiah along with other lecturers (see poster) whom had their own sessions and presented their favourite book to their audience on Google Meet. The session ended at lunch time.



# TALKING CIRCLE WITH TS DR RATNA ZUARNI RAMLI: MICROSOFT TEAMS



#### 29.09.2020, 9 AM - 12 NOON MAKMAL BAHASA 1



PM Dr Soo with T.S Dr Ratna Zuarni Ramli, the speaker for the Talking Circle session



TS Dr Ratna Zuarni started her session with an introduction to Microsoft Team

Photography session with APB lecturers and TS Dr Ratna Zuarni

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On the 29th September 2020, APB Rembau had invited a teaching specialist, TS Dr Ratna Zuarni for a short session on using Microsoft Teams as an ODL platform. T.S Dr Ratna Zuarni Ramli was also the Coordinator from the Faculty of Science and Mathematics, UiTM Kuala Pilah.

The Talking Circle session started at 9 am with a light breakfast with our beloved coordinators and fellow APB Rembau members. Around 10 am, both coordinators and APB lecturers gathered at the language lab at level 7 to continue with the sharing session. T.S Dr Ratna Zuarni started her tutorial on the account registration for Microsoft Teams (MT), then proceeded with creating an online class group using Microsoft Teams. She showed ways for lecturers to utilize the software for creating online meetings, adding teaching materials, adding students to MT's groups and ended the sharing session with some troubleshooting and tips on using the software.

Before leaving the lab, APB Rembau had a photography session and also expressed their gratitude towards the teaching specialist for willing to spend her time on teaching the lecturers on how to use Microsoft Teams.



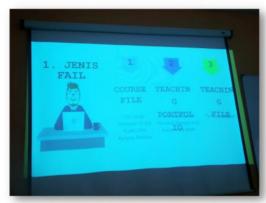


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# TALKING CIRCLE: PROJECT KHIND & TATACARA PENYEDIAAN FAIL









TUTORIAL: FILE PREPARATION

On the 8th October 2020, APB Rembau had yet another Talking Circle session. For this session, there were 2 slots ooccupied by Dr Siang Lay Choo and Puan Mashitah Nordin. In the first session, Dr Siang presented a project called Project Khind Happy Mandarin while for the second session, Puan Mashitah presented a tutorial on the preparation of course files and teaching files. APB Lecturers had a great time with Project Happy Mandarin where Dr Siang showed them how she conducted her program with school students. The lecturers were also relieved that the course files and the teaching files would be collected through Google Drive folders. This also meant that there would be less physical contact with other lecturers while preparing their files. The Talking Circle session ended in the afternoon with packed lunch for all participants.

Dr Siang Lay Choo and Puan Mashitah were presenting their part.





PM Dr Soo with other lecturers were listening to the presentations





## NEW MEMBERS OF APB REMBAU

On the 4th January 2021, the administration office had announced that two lecturers had reported for duty as the new lecturers who are going to join APB UiTM Rembau. Puan Siti 'Aishahtul-Humaira Muhammad Fisol and Miss Ooi Sing Ee had reported for duty on the 4th of January 2021. APB Rembau would like to welcome both lecturers to APB Rembau.



5.	SITI 'AISHATUL-HUMAIRAH BINTI MUHAMMAD FISOL	PENSYARAH / DM45	AKADEMI PENGAJIAN BAHASA	LANTIKAN BARU	04 JANUARI 2021	
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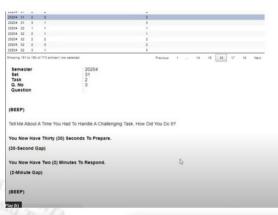
## EET 669 ONLINE SESSION PHASE 1

## 01.02.2021 - 19.02.2021, 8 AM - 6 PM MAKMAL BAHASA 1

On the 1st February 2021, three APB lecturers were appointed as the examiner for the English Exit Test (EET 669) specifically for Phase 1 and Phase 2. The EET session was held in UiTM Rembau Campus in order for examiners to maintain the test's confidentiality. For students, they were instructed to take their test at home since the whole nation was still under the state of Movement Control Order where students and lecturers were instructed to have online classes since early January 2021.

The session started on the 1st February until 19th February 2021. Lecturers who were involved: PM Dr Norwati Haji Roslim, Puan Nur Faathinah Mohammad Roshdan, Puan Nadiah Yahyauddin and Puan Siti 'Aishatul-Humairah Muhammad Fisol. These lecturers were then assigned to groups of classes from different faculties. One session would last from 8 am to 6 pm. There were some technical problems which had appeared such as Internet disconnection, students' limitation in getting a good Internet connection and missing names. Despite the technical difficulties, lecturers were able to make sure that all students had sat for their tests or were contacted

Puan Nadiah with
PM Dr Norwati during the
session of EEt 669 at
Makmal Bahasa 1









## FIRST MEETING FOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH INSTITUT AGAMA ISLAM NEGERI PALANGKARAYA (IAIN)



#### 08.02.2021, 9 AM, GOOGLE MEET

On the 8th February 2021, APB Rembau has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Institut Agama Islam Negeri Palangkaraya (IAIN), Indonesia through a Google Meet session with the instructors of IAIN Palangkaraya and Prof Madya Dr Soo Kum Yoke.



PM Dr Soo in the Google Meet session with the staff from IAIN Palangkaraya



Staffs from IAIN Palangkaya, Indonesia







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