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DR. IN THE HOUSE

Dr. Bashasunnahar Puasa

Known for his composed demeanour around the office, Dr Basha is famous for his guiding spirit and generous wisdom. Unbeknownst to many, his PhD journey was fraught with trials and tribulations, turning him into an inspiration to others. Speaking to him on an auspicious day, he stated that his determination was based on three needs he feels that an educator should have 1) the thirst for knowledge, 2) the need for self-development and 3) the principle of being a lifelong learner.

As an academician, Dr. Basha has a natural need to expand on his knowledge. This translated to him beginning his PhD journey by observing his surroundings and being aware of the issues at hand when it comes to the Arabic language. While also fulfilling his duties as the Head of the Arabic Language Centre in Kampung Jawa, Klang, he started to think about research possibilities but he found it challenging to explore them due to the demands of his then position at the centre. Things started to change after 2017, once he had settled down as a lecturer in UiTM, Shah Alam. His possibilities started to become a reality. Not to say things were no longer challenging but you will notice that another factor of his personality would be his strength in persevering against the odds.

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The first trial he came across as a PhD candidate was be selecting a good topic to be his focus. Due to his past tenureship as the head of the Arabic language department, he was exposed to many issues that needed to be studied. With the advice of his supervisor, he limited his topic to a current problem in the field of Arabic language. His supervisor kept him on track and Dr Basha successfully passed his Defence of Research Proposal (DRP) on his second try. Unfortunately, his supervisor was diagnosed with Covid-19, Stage 4 and had to be intubated for 4 weeks due to breathing issues. Dr Basha led Yaasin recitations and prayed for his supervisor's recovery and laid all his hopes to Allah SWT.

When it comes to thesis writing, the last thing you would want is for your hard drive to malfunction. This is something Dr Basha had to experience but thanks to his note taking habits and preference in writing things down, he was able to save his progress from delays. He would like to note that everyone should not only have a hardcopy of their progress but should also keep a softcopy of it online.

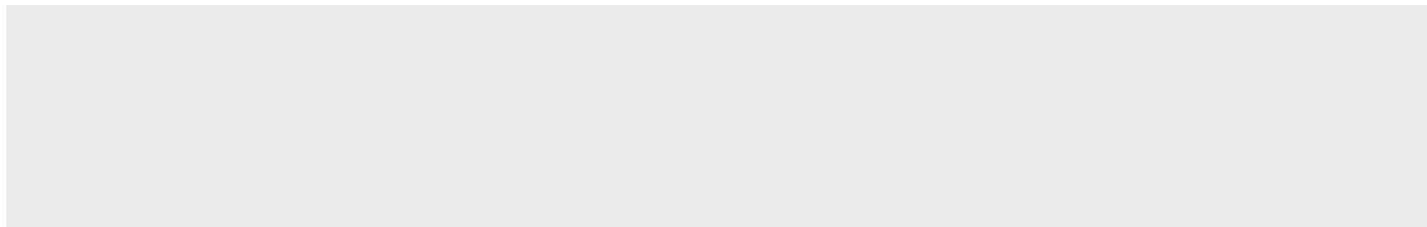


He would also like to state that it is crucial for the candidates to be aware of the ever changing policies when it comes to the write up, especially for those researching third languages. In Dr Basha's experience, he had to translate his thesis from Arabic to English. It was a meticulous effort as he had to adapt the Arabic language context into the English context. Multiple different softwares were used and he had help from his neighbour who assisted in proofreading his thesis.

Dr Basha spent almost a semester editing his thesis to perfection. He finally submitted his work and had his viva two weeks before Ramadan on the 25th of March 2022. To his surprise, only minor corrections were required. Once the corrections were done, Dr Basha sent his work to IPSIS, UiTM to be finalised. Dr Basha gained his letter of senate declaring him as a doctor of philosophy on the 5th of August 2022.

To enjoy the best results, you need to go all out and have full faith that everything will work out in the end. Trust yourself and trust God.

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