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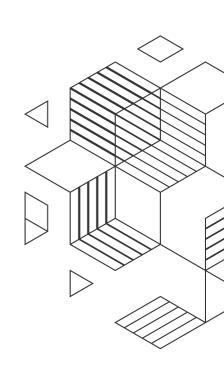


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UITM MUKAH ENGLISH LECTURERS PARTICIPATE IN THE OPEN SUMMER PROGRAMME 2024

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From July to August 2024, two English lecturers from UiTM Sarawak Branch, Mukah Campus, Miss Stefanie Natasha Rich Anak Joseph and Miss Cindy Anak Robert, took part in the prestigious OPEN (Online Professional English Network) Summer Programme. Over the span of nine weeks, they enrolled in the course "Using Educational Technology in the English Language Classroom", offered by Iowa State University, USA. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, funded by the U.S. Government, and administered by FHI 360, this programme aimed to elevate English language through innovative and learning technology integration.



Participants were awarded the OPEN completion certificate by Mr. Eran Williams, the U.S. Embassy English Language Regional Officer, at the American Corner Sarawak located in Pustaka Negeri Sarawak

The OPEN Summer Programme 2024 brought together educators from the globe, across transcending backgrounds geographic and boundaries, all united by a shared mission: to enhance English language teaching methodologies. The course, "Using Educational Technology in the English Language Classroom", provided comprehensive framework for effectively incorporating digital tools into language teaching. Through a series of interactive workshops, expert-led sessions, and collaborative discussions, participants engaged with cutting-edge strategies designed to foster more immersive and engaging classroom experiences.

For both Miss Stefanie and Miss Cindy, the knowledge acquired from the programme has proven invaluable, particularly in relation to their ongoing research and instructional practices. As they continue to develop advanced educational technology solutions for language acquisition, the course has offered critical insights into how technology can not only enrich classroom interactions, but also alleviate students' anxiety and foster greater confidence in speaking. In addition, the programme provided a platform for connecting with educators worldwide. These shared experiences have sparked creative ideas, particularly around cultural elements integrating into instruction.

Recent discussions with the U.S. Embassy in Malaysia have also opened exciting prospects for future collaborations between UiTM Sarawak Branch and educators from the U.S., potentially laying the groundwork for further cross-cultural educational initiatives.

