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# European Union ERAMUS Project

By: Margaret Chan Kit Yok

Eleven partners from four European countries namely France, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia and four Asian countries namely Malaysia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan secured a three-year ERAMUS+ project under KA2 programme – Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices – Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education funded by the European Union in June 2016. Malaysian partners consist of *Universiti Teknologi MARA* and Institute of Teaching Training, Batu Lintang Campus, Kuching. The purpose of Blended Learning for Teacher Educators in Asia and Europe project (BLTeae) consisting of 8 working packages (WP) is to support teacher educators' professional development through blended learning based on innovative constructivist theories identifying the following concrete outputs from its work based on the text of the proposal submission:

- blended learning courseware with online and face-to-face training offer
- a collaborative and reflective learning community
- innovative teaching practice scenarios
- a curriculum design for teacher training

Associate Professor Dr. Margaret Chan Kit Yok, the national coordinator and Associate Professor Dr. Ling Siew Eng, leader of the Working Package 4 attended the first kick off meeting held at Aix-Marseille University, France from 9 to 12 January 2017. The meeting of the project provided the platform for all the partners to prepare the first-year of the project by working on issues related to general project management and communication rules, questionnaires and modules required to assess needs and improve knowledge on innovative practices. Three WPs: Main III. Modules: Improving knowledge on innovative practices (WP1); Questionnaire: Identifying skills & needs of teacher educators (WP2) and Management of the project (WP2) were launched. Malaysia was assigned to develop the "Social Media in Teaching".



Associate Professor Dr. Margaret Chan Kit Yok delivering an introductory presentation on the educational system of Malaysia and UiTM during the kick-off meeting



The Malaysian partners with Professor Dr. Jacques Ginestié, Director of the laboratory ADEF, President of the ESPÉ national network and Director of the ESPÉ of Aix-Marseille University, France



The Malaysian partners from UiTM Sarawak and the Institute of Teaching Training, Batu Lintang Campus posing with the Bangladesh partners during the tea-break at Aix-Marseille University



The eleven partners from four European countries namely France, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia and four Asian countries namely Malaysia, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Pakistan with the background of Cathedral of Notre Dame perched on a hilltop south of the Vieux Port, Marseille,

Subsequently, upon returning from France, regular meetings for Malaysian partners were held at the Institute of Teachers' Education, Batu Lintang Campus (IPGBL) to discuss the topic "Social Media in teaching relating to Working Package 1" that was assigned to be developed by the Malaysian team.

UiTM researchers' meeting:  
Associate Professor  
Dr. Margaret Chan Kit Yok  
(National Coordinator),  
Associate Professor  
Dr. Ling Siew Eng, leader of  
WP4, Madam Ling Siew Ching  
and Madam Adeline Engkamat



The Malaysian partners' meeting at the Institute of Teaching Training, Batu Lintang Campus, Kuching



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