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sight. UiTM CPP former campus rector, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Fozi Ali was among the VIPs who received glorious celebration throughout the session. The event was hosted by Chemical Engineering Faculty.

The day was opened with Quran recitation by UiTM CPP student before a rousing welcoming speech by UiTM CPP Rector, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ir. Ahmad Rashidy Razali. We were then joined by UiTM Vice Chancellor of "Research and Innovation", Prof. Dr. Hadariah Bahron, who officiated the event before enjoying a lively multimedia presentation prepared by the organizing committee.

After an update from the Master-of-ceremony on a few new categories of awards introduced this year such as Anugerah Keusahawanan and Kemasyarakatan, the first highlight of the event was the announcement of Anugerah KIK. Academy of Language Studies (APB) managed to secure Anugerah Kemasyarakatan for group category and Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar from APB won the second place for Anugerah Kemasyarakatan for individual category. She was also awarded with Anugerah Khidmat Setia, besides Pn Nazima Versay Kudus, for their continuous contribution of 20 years in UiTM CPP.

The award-giving ceremony was divided into 3 sessions. The second session started after the guests were served with a delicious range of food and drinks at the round tables. The first award was Anugerah PROPENS V2 and two APB staff, Pn Farhana Shukor and Pn Che Nooryohana were listed as the receivers. The highlight of the event is of course in the third session known as Anugerah Perdana which showcased Anugerah Khas Rektor, Anugerah Mutiara and Anugerah Khas Kepimpinan Mutiara. Dr. Mah Boon Yih from APB was acknowledged with Anugerah Khas Rektor.



... from the Editorial Team

Dear readers,

We meet yet again through another issue of our in-house bulletin. As usual, this issue carries with it all the activities and events that concern members of our department. Thank you to all our department staff who have independently contributed news and coverage of the multitude of events in and around our campus, especially Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar and Ms. Noraziah Mohd Amin. On behalf of the bulletin editorial committee, I hope you will have a fun time reading this issue.. Last but not least, we wish you a very 'HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018'.

Thank you.



'MAJLIS KEMUNCAK SAMBUTAN INOVASI PERINGKAT UiTM CAWANGAN PULAU PINANG (UiTM CPP) 2017'

By Ms Noor Laili Mohd Yusof

On December 8, 2017, UiTM CPP held its annual event, MAJLIS KEMUNCAK SAMBUTAN INOVASI at Dewan Besar UiTM cawangan Pulau Pinang. This half day event brought together the academicians from various backgrounds, staff, administrators and a few invited guests (VIPs) for a session of appreciation and in-



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Events ... (Conferences, Meetings, Trainings & Workshops)



Dr. Rofiza receiving the Best Presenter award from Dr. Zuraidah Zaaba, the Chairman for ICHUZ 2017, at the end of the two-day conference.



Dr. Rofiza with Dr. Halipah (on the left) and Dr. Che Haslina (on far right).

International Conference on Hajj, Umrah and Ziarah (ICHUZ 2017)

by Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar

International Conference on Hajj, Umrah and Ziarah (ICHUZ 2017), held from the 19th to 20th of September, 2017, was organized by UiTM Cawangan Sabah and held at Ujana Sarjana. The participants, comprising academicians, medical doctors, industry players as well as contemporary scholars from all over Malaysia and Saudi Arabia, were gathered with the aim to broaden the understanding towards Hajj, Umrah and Ziarah. This two-day conference highlighted numerous issues pertaining to Hajj pilgrimage, Umrah and conventional tourism, development of pilgrims' morality and practical solutions to a variety of challenges faced by pilgrims.

UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang (UiTM CPP) was represented by Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar, Dr. Ustazah Halipah Hamzah and Dr. Ustazah Che Haslina Abdullah. Each presented a paper entitled 'The experiences of a caregiver of a Hajj pilgrim suffering from Alzheimer's Disease', 'Haji Mabru: Cabaran dan penyelesaian dalam merealisasikan', and 'Umrah: Isu-isu semasa dan mekanisme menanganinya' respectively.

Although Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar is not from the Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies to categorically qualify her to talk about the issue of Hajj and Umrah from the Islamic perspectives, unlike the other two representatives from UiTM CPP whose background is in Islamic studies, her expertise in the qualitative study and the experiences she had had while performing Hajj and Umrah have helped her write a paper on the paramount challenges and struggle a caregiver had to endure while caring for a Hajj pilgrim who suffered from Alzheimer's Disease. Her presentation managed to impress the judges and it won her the Best Presenter in the conference. She is now eagerly waiting for her article to be published as a chapter in a book by the organizer.

ICoFA 2017

by Ms Noraziah Mohd Amin

The Academic Affairs Department of UiTM Perlis for the second time was the organizer of International Conference on the Future of ASEAN (ICoFA) 2017, following its success in 2015. This conference welcomed participants and presenters from around the world to share their original and unpublished research of diverse issues related to Science and Technology apart from Business and Social Science fields. The two-day conference that took place from 15-16 August, 2017 managed to attract participants from many countries such as Indonesia, Thailand and Oman. A lecturer from APB, UiTM Penang, Noraziah Mohd Amin was one of the 189 presenters at this conference that was held at LT6, Kompleks Star, UiTM Perlis. Dato' Dr. Mohamed Amin Embi, a professor of technology-enhanced learning at the Faculty of Education, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia was among the keynote speakers at ICoFA 2017 and his speech entitled, "MOOCs in ASEAN: Trends and Challenges" attracted many attentive program attendees to air their queries as well as opinions regarding Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) as an effective web-based learning and teaching method that is accessible anywhere. Such a flexible teaching technique should be extensively incorporated in today's learning system at the universities for teaching and learning should not be restricted to classroom setting only as far as technology is concerned.



Our very own Miss Nora at ICoFA 2017

Events ... (Conferences, Meetings, Trainings & Workshops)

Industrial Work Life and Internet of Things Talks by INTEL, Penang

by Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar

On the 27th of September, 2017, two representatives from INTEL, Penang with the invitation from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering had made their visit to UiTM CPP to share with our engineering students their expertise on industrial work life and Internet of Things (IOT). The two representatives were Ms. Beenal Baba and Ms. Karena Anum Kamaruzaman. They are actively involved in series of talks that are handled by INTEL, Penang and have been to various schools and institutions of higher learning to enliven the love of science, particularly engineering and innovation, among students.

Ms Beenal Baba is a Senior Engineer who is also an active Toastmaster member. She shared with our students some tips on impromptu speaking that could certainly be used by them in interviews. Among the tips were for students to tell good stories, exercise P.R.E.P which stands for point, reason, example, point, and use the idea of cause, effect and remedy.

Ms. Karena Anum has been working with INTEL, Penang for nine years. She talked about IOT and many interesting videos on it had been shown to our students. Some even sparked questions about the innovative projects that were applied to IOT that our students themselves were working on.

As for Suzana and I, we were personally invited by Dr. Aziyah Bakhari, the UiTM CPP Deputy Rector of Industrial Linkage, Community and Alumni, to be the emcees for the programme. Thus, our students got automatically invited too and had the opportunity to learn from both esteemed speakers from INTEL. In fact, two of our students won themselves a prize each for having the courage to go out and talk in front of hundreds of other students who filled the lecture hall.

It was a successful programme. The speakers were impressed by the presence of our students, and our students too participated and learned a lot. The speakers promised to invite our students to visit INTEL, Penang soon.



The emcees with the speakers from INTEL, Penang.

From left: Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar, Ms. Beenal Baba, Ms. Karena Anum Kamaruzaman and Ms. Suzana Ab Rahim.

International Conference and Competition on Teaching and Learning (I-Telearn) 2017

by Ms Noraziah Mohd Amin

International Conference and Competition on Teaching and Learning (I-Telearn) was organized by the Academic Affairs Division, UiTM Perlis with the theme, "Soaring to Excellence in Teaching & Learning". It was held from 16-17 August, 2017 at Dewan Seri Semarak, UiTM Perlis that accommodated almost 200 exhibitors consisted of inventors, innovators and designers of various categories such as Electronic Teaching and Learning Resources (Category A) for interactive slides, videos, courseware, games, blogs, websites and MOOCS (Massive Open Online Courses); Non-electronic and Learning Resources (Category B) for materials that include books, posters, charts, flash cards, non-electronic games, apparatus or instrument and instructional methods; and I Share- Public Speaking (Category C) which managed to gather participants from primary schools, secondary schools and higher education institutions. A few academic staff from UiTM Penang participated in this international competition including Noraziah Mohd Amin from the Academy of Language Studies (APB) UiTM Penang who managed to win the judges' hearts for a silver medal through her innovation, "Grammar-Related Autonomous Supportive Practice" (GRASP). This non-electronic product was invented to serve as a learning tool for improving English learners' grammar understanding and memory retention of grammar rules. The strategic partners of this innovation, invention and design event among others were Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia, Universitas Islam Riau Indonesia, Prince of Songkla University Thailand, Rajamanggala University of Technology Srivijaya Thailand and Thaksin University Thailand. The organizer wishes to make this an annual event and hopefully more participants from UiTM Penang can join it next time to support this program and for the innovative talents of this university's staff to shine through.



Miss Nora with her award at I-Telearn 2017

My_CASELT and LIID 2017

by Ms Noraziah Mohd Amin

The 5th Malaysian International Conference on Academic Strategies in English Language Teaching (My_CASELT) 2017 and Language Invention, Innovation and Design (LIID) that took place from 1-2 November, 2017 were attended by a few APB UiTM Penang lecturers, Rosmaliza Mohamed, Farina Nozakiah Tazijan, Dr. Rofiza Abou Bakar and Noraziah Mohd Amin. These two concurrent events were organized by APB UiTM Shah Alam with the LIID being the first of such program to have been organized by this department. My_CASELT 2017 was an inter-disciplinary conference that aimed at bringing together scholars, researchers and practitioners from around the world to present and discuss new advancements and current findings in the fields related to the conference theme, “New Directions in English Language Education” in the form of poster pitching. As for the LIID 2017, it had attracted as many as 66 participations of various language products, innovations and inventions either electronic or non-electronic that were showcased at Ideal Convention Centre, Shah Alam, Selangor. The inventors were of three categories namely, “Inventor”, “Young Inventor” and “Junior Inventor” who apparently did their best to impress the judges and Dr. Rofiza Abou Bakar was one of the individuals assigned with the judging task. One of the exhibitors at the LIID was Noraziah Mohd Amin who came to the event with two innovations. The products presented by Noraziah Mohd Amin were entitled, “Grammar-Related Autonomous Supportive Practice (GRASP) Version 2: A Language Learning Game for Improvement of English Grammar Comprehension and Memory Retention” and “Perbualan Efektif Tentang Aktiviti Harian (PETAH): Alat Bantu Pembelajaran Berbentuk Kad Permainan Pembelajaran Bahasa Melayu Dalam Meningkatkan Kemahiran Berkomunikasi.” The former was awarded with a gold medal, while the latter managed to score sufficient marks for a bronze medal. The two programs were closed with award presentation by the Dean of APB UiTM Shah Alam, Associate Professor Dr. Ahmad Mazli Muhammad and a photo session with all gold winners.

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Our participants at
My_CASELT & LIID
2017

I-YES 2017

by Ms Noraziah Mohd Amin

Improve Your English Skills (I-YES) 2017 was a one-day program involving 172 Pre-Diploma students of UiTM Bertam that was held at this campus on 17 November, 2017 from 8.00 am until 5.00 p.m. As its name suggests, I-YES 2017 aimed at enhancing four important English language skills of the participants namely, grammar, reading, speaking and listening with the primary concentration on infusing the program attendees with a sense of motivation and enthusiasm towards learning English. A few APB UiTM Penang lecturers were in charge of this program with Wan Noorli Razali as the program manager. The students were divided into 6 groups and each group took turn to move from one station to another until they had finished all the first three slots of three different language skills focused before the lunch break. Grammar slots were handled by Noraziah Mohd Amin, Wan Noorli Razali, Noor Azli Affendy Lee and Nazima Versay Kudus, while Reading classes were conducted by Isma Noornisa Ismail, Farhana Shukor, Muriatul Khusmah Musa and Hanani Ahmad Zubir. As for Speaking activities, Dr. Rushita Ismail, Noor Laili Mohd Yusof, and Norhafizah Abd Halil were in charge of them. Listening slot was the last activity of the program that and it was carried out

by Hanani Ahmad Zubir and Muriatul Khusmah Musa with the assistance of other facilitators. At the end of the program, most of the participants provided positive feedback towards it as indicated in the evaluation form administered to them and some of them commented on having interest to get involved in such event again in the future.



Lecturers and students at I-YES 2017

Seminar on Industrial Revolution 4.0

by Ms Noraziah Mohd Amin

On 15 November 2017, a few APB lecturers of UiTM Penang, Rosmaliza Mohamed, Liaw Shun Chone, Lim Teck Heng, Rasaya Marimuthu, Muriatul Khusmah Musa, Dr. Rushita Ismail, Isma Noornisa Ismail, Melati Desa, Norhafizah Abd Halil, Che Nooryohana Zulkifli, Dr. Mah Boon Yih, Budiman Sabri Ahmad and Noraziah Mohd Amin attended a program, “Industrial Revolution 4.0 Seminar for UiTM Campuses in the Northern Region 2017.” The objectives of the program among others were to disseminate information regarding the current trend of automation and data exchange in manufacturing technologies, or which is also briefly known as “Industry 4.0”, and to discuss the aims as well as expectations of UiTM towards contributing to the success of Industrial Revolution 4.0. The seminar that was conducted at the main hall of UiTM Penang involved around 170 delegates from UiTM Perlis, UiTM Kedah and UiTM Perak. Noraziah Mohd Amin from APB UiTM Penang was assigned the task as the chairperson of the program that began at 10.00 am until 1.00 pm. The invited speaker, Mr. Azhar Md Nayan, the technical advisor from Penang Skills Development Centre (PSDC) delivered a lengthy, informative speech pertaining to the history of industrial revolutions, Industry 4.0, Internet of Things (IoT) and the latest technologies with regard to product manufacturing. Indeed, Malaysia cannot afford to lag, in a world facing swift, exponential change driven by technological innovation and development. Thus, the academics like those of UiTM should on their parts play some roles in keeping pace with the changes in the world especially in producing technologically well-versed graduates in the future.



A report on the Toastmasters Presentation Skills (FYP 2) Program 2017

By Ms Suzana Ab. Rahim

A Toastmasters Presentation Skills (FYP 2) program featuring a “Speak Up and Show Up Talk” was conducted for the Mechanical Engineering undergraduates of UiTM Penang on 2nd November 2017 from 230- 5 pm at the Dewan Seminar. I was invited by the Faculty to provide some guidance on the presentation skills so as to prep up their undergraduates for the Proposal and Final Year Project Presentation. The workshop, amongst others, provided the attendees with useful info and tips on how to present effectively from the attention-getter introduction to an impactful presentation-ending. In addition, the participants were shown videos on how they could prepare their slides and coached on how they can actually become a more confident public speaker. Apart from that, the participants were exposed to various steps in engaging their audience in their presentations and in replying the fielded questions by the panel of examiners. At the end, there was a Q & A session whereby their accompanying lecturer also asked a few questions with regards to the proposal and Final Year Project presentation. It is hoped that more similar events can be materialized in the near future as I believe the undergraduates stand to gain a lot of benefits with such exposures.



2nd International Conference on Theory and Practice of Chinese Language Teaching 2017

by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe Foo Terng

I had the honour of attending the 2nd International Conference on Theory and Practice of Chinese Language Teaching on October 14 and 15 and presented a paper at the New Era University College, Kajang, Selangor. Besides presenting papers, organizers had also invited me to become a panel member for the forum and a keynote host. The topic of the paper is 'How To Develop Malaysia Mandarin Second Language Vocabulary Learning Number'. With reference to the Chinese second language course material of Beijing Language and Cultural University and Tsinghua University, and Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), the author attempted to explain how to calculate the number of Chinese characters or vocabulary an instructor has to teach in a credit hour. Subsequently, a table was generated to show the number of Chinese characters or vocabulary an instructor has to teach in a semester with reference to the teaching hour.



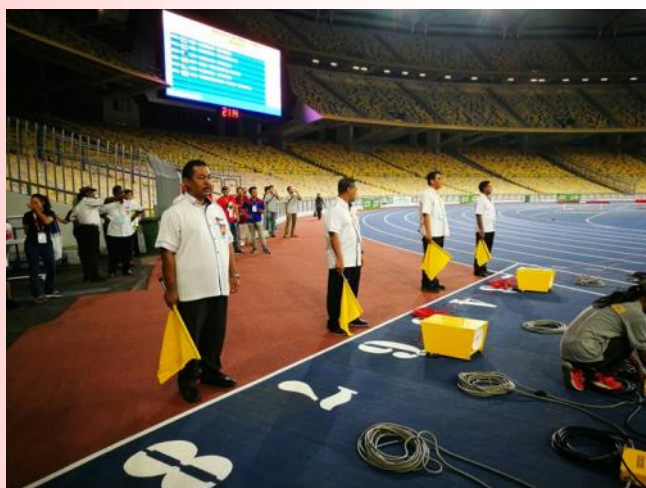
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe as the panelist

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe presenting his paper

29th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games 2017

by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe Foo Terng

Malaysia hosted the 29th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in August 2017. Due to my international track and field technical officer status, I applied to become national technical officer of the track and field events in SEA Games. I was appointed track judge. Before the beginning of the SEA Games, we were stipulated to attend a pre-SEA Games course. The organizer invited the Athletic meet manager of Singapore SEA Games 2015, Mr. Wong Tian Choy to share their experience and difficulties. The SEA Games track and field event was scheduled from August 21—25, 2017, a total of 5 days. Competition time was from 3—5 pm, and from 8—10 am in order to tie-in with the two-hour period of television media broadcasting.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe on duty at the tracks (above), and the proof of participation (right)



Events ... (Student Activities)

English Language Speaking Day

by Ms Suzana Ab. Rahim

Our English language Speaking Day (ELSD) was conducted on Thursday at the Laman Perdana Fingerprint counter area and the session started off with a game of Win, Lose or Draw whereby the participants were instructed to come up with a list of names according to the categories of movies and songs. Then, in groups, a rep selected had to draw within the allotted time and to be guessed by his group what the movie was. Some with the handicap of drawing, illustrated quite well to be instantaneously matched to the movie in guess. Next, we went on to a spelling bee competition since there was a draw in the results of the earlier competition. From a list of words, the participants tried their luck spelling them out, occasionally losing out due to a missing vowel or consonant. There were winners of course and they were treated to a feast of domino's pizza the following week. Farina and I were lucky to have had our counterparts, Laili and Rofiza who brought along their students to join in the fun, making the ELSD a bit livelier. The presence of our KPP and Pemangku Rektor who whiled away looking at the activities prepared, humbled us. Surely, there will be more engaging ones come next semester. Long live ELSD!



The activities, students and staff involved



ELD Bertam 2017

by Ms Noraziah Mohd Amin

An English Language Day (ELD) program was conducted by Noraziah Mohd Amin and Isma Noornisa Ismail on 23 November, 2017 (Thursday) which focused on some activities such as grammar board game and grammar riddle quizzes. Besides, there was also a photo booth prepared for the participants of the program to strike some poses with a few quotes about English language learning for the purpose of motivating and inspiring the participants to be proficient in English. As for the grammar board game, the students had the chance to test their comprehension of some grammatical rules by answering the pre-designed questions in the game and at the same time had fun through the interesting rules of the game. The riddle quizzes offered some a little confusing yet fun questions to challenge the participants' creative mind in finding the answers. The program which took place at Bilik Lepas Ijazah 1, UiTM Bertam Campus ended a few hours after its commencement at 8.00 am. Overall, the program received overwhelming participation from the students and they in majority expressed their having an enjoyable time but also educational one at the program.



Students having a fun time during the activity



MOU Signing between UiTM and Universitas Tanjungpura, Indonesia

(23rd August 2017; Ballroom, Hotel UiTM Pulau Pinang)

by Dr. Rofiza Abou Bakar & Ms Farina Nozakiah Tazijan



The Academy of Language Studies, UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang recently entered a new memorandum of understanding with Teacher Training and Education Faculty, Universitas Tanjung Pura, Indonesia with the aims of articulating principles of cooperation and communication between the two varsities on English Language Learning and Teaching.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prime aim was to stimulate ideas on English Language Learning Expertise between Malaysia and Indonesia. The MOU signing, headed by Dr. Rofiza Abou Bakar from APB UiTM and Dr Ikhsanuddin, from Teacher Training and Education Faculty, Tanjungpura, addresses topic pertaining to English Language Learning and Teaching, and collaboration of research and grants, journal and book publishing, seminars and conferences in the future. The MOU was signed by the then Rector of UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang, Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Fozi Ali and the representative of the Dean of Teacher Training and Education Faculty, Dr. Sudarsono. Present at the ceremony were Deputy Rector of Academic Affairs, Deputy Rector of Industrial and Linkages, Head of Centre Academy of

Language Studies and academicians from UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang.

As a fulfillment of one the agendas in the MOU, a seminar entitled 'International English Language Expertise Partnership: A Malaysian- Indonesian Joint Venture' with the theme 'Creativity in Teaching and Learning: A Blue Print for Success' was held after the signing ceremony. The seminar was organized by The Academy of Language Studies at the Ballroom Hotel, UiTM Penang. Audiences were enlightened with topics such as ELT Challenges in Digital Era, Multicultural English Language Assessment, and Creative Digital Storytelling with keynote speeches from the two universities. The speeches were delivered by Dr Ikhsannuddin, Dr Iwan Supardi and Dr Rofiza Abou Bakar. Workshops on E-Learning and varieties of teaching English Language were conducted by Dr Mah Boon Yih, Mr Budiman Sabri Ahmad, Puan Suzana Ab. Rahim, Mr Noor Azli and Puan Noor Laily Yusof in the evening. The seminar was attended by postgraduate students from TanjungPura University and academicians from UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang.



MOU Signing by both UiTM and Universitas Tanjungpura representatives



The lecturers from both Academy of Language Studies, UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang and Universitas Tanjungpura with the UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang top management team

Events ... (Community Service project)

A Joyful Language Day Indeed for Giatmara Trainees

by Dr. Rushita Ismail

Passing by Giatmara grounds everyday to work and seeing young men in blue tee shirts fall in lines reminds me of the youngsters that I used to see in schools. They have their own thinking and portray their own attitudes which I sometimes find hard to comprehend. What do these youngsters learn in Giatmara? Do they learn English or Mandarin here? My curiosity led me to step foot in Giatmara compound on that very day.

I was greeted by the staff at the office and was informed that Puan Suriyati Maidin the Manager of Giatmara Bertam was on leave, but somehow I managed to gather some information about the courses and trainees of Giatmara. Before taking leave, I was handed the contact number of Puan Suriyati by one of the staff.

Later, visits were made to see Puan Suriyati Maidin to share about the suggested language program and a talk was given to the trainees the following week on the importance of learning a second and third language. In UiTM Permatang Pauh, discussions were held with Cik Rosmaliza Mohamed and the APB staff to hold a language program involving Giatmara trainees and students of UiTM Bertam Campus and subsequently, a committee was set up.

28th September 2017 was the day that was agreed upon for 48 Giatmara trainees to step their foot for the first time in UiTM Bertam Campus. Clad in red and grey collared tees these trainees marched from Giatmara compound to UiTM Bertam Campus for a day that they would remember for the rest of their lives. It is the day that they would be meeting students from the Pharmacy and Health Science and be involved in pairwork language activities.

The registration took place in the cafeteria of Al Zahrawi college and breakfast was served. The trainees and the UiTM students strolled to the Academic Block for a talk given by Mr. Jesse Rinkenberger on the pleasant experience that he had in learning languages such as Malay, Urdu and German. There were two other couples; John and Jessica Lohman and King and Fay Sacramento. The one and half hour talk was filled with delightful stories by Faye and King on their encounter with Malaysians and the learning of Malay language in Penang. Jessica had all the lively audience engrossed in her fun activities of her action songs while John related his enthusiastic interests in indulging Malaysian food. The audience was entertained and overwhelmed by these Americans' interesting experiences with the language, food and culture in Penang.

Later, the trainees and the UiTM students were in classrooms where they were exposed to the English language workshop. Two hours were spent on pair work activities where participants were given lists of greetings and some language expression for them to carry out role-play and games actions. The objective of the program was met through the active full participations of these trainees and students as there were interactions among them and assistance was given to the trainees at times of need.

After lunch break, the participants got back into the respective

classrooms for third language learning. Mandarin, Japanese, German and French were taught to the respective classes of 22 students. It was a memorable moment for the UiTM students and Giatmara trainees to have learned a third language that they have not learned before.

At 4.00 p.m. all participants and the committee of the program gathered at Dewan Kuliah 1 for the closing ceremony. It began with a welcoming speech conveyed by Cik Rosmaliza Mohamed, followed by a thank you speech from En Harun Radzi, the Assistant Director of Penang Giatmara, hoping that a program of this kind involving the staff of Giatmara to be held in the near future. The program ended by the Assistant Rector of UiTM Bertam Campus, Dr. Mohd Izani Othman acting as the representative of the Rector of Penang Branch campus officiating the closing ceremony of A Joyful Language Day with Giatmara Trainees.



BK2 packed with UiTM Bertam students and Giatmara trainees



Talks and activities in DK2 which captivated the trainees and students



English and Third Language Workshop



Closing Ceremony of the event

'Getting to know you more'

Featuring ... Associate Professor Dr. Hoe Foo Terng



*In this section, we will get 'upclose and personal' with colleagues from our department ...
(Interview conducted by Mr. Liaw Shun Chone, LSC for short)*

In this issue, I have included another familiar APB colleague of ours – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe Foo Terng. He shares with us here his thoughts and invaluable advice. Just like in the earlier issue where I had my first brief interview with Dr Rofiza Aboobakar, I have now once again posed similar questions to him in this section 'Getting To Know You More'. It is hoped that his sharing with us would make us understand his drive & passion more closely and emulate his success in our own future undertakings as academicians.

LSC: Name three persons you idolise?

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe: My mother, Siddhārtha Gautama and Confucius.

LSC: What makes you laugh the most?

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe: I always laugh, especially when receiving international awards and submitting the PhD thesis.

LSC: What are your favourite tourist destinations?

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe: Australia and China.

LSC: When was your proudest moment?

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe: Receiving my PhD degree during my convocation in 2014.

LSC: How is it like being a risk taker?

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe: Trying new teaching methods, preparing to conquer Mount Kinabalu and other mountains in China.

LSC: What motivates you to work hard?

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe: Better life and a good reputation.

LSC: Do you like or dislike surprises? Why or why not?

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe: Depends. I like a surprise if it is good thing or good news.

LSC: Share with us briefly of your experiences and feelings when you were the UPENA (Unit Penulisan Akademik) coordinator.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe: Became a UPENA Coordinator in 2007 which was a surprise and was also a challenge for me. I was not a UPENA committee member and was suddenly invited to attend the Campus Management Meeting. I had no experience in publishing books and managing publication records. I learnt and tried to solve all the problems and was thrilled when I was later awarded the most active UP-ENA coordinator in 2018 from UiTM.

LSC: What do you intend to do in future now that you have successfully obtained your doctorate degree?

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe: Post PhD and travelling

LSC: Do share with your APB colleagues your struggles (if any) while doing your Phd study and how you finally managed to triumph against all odds.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hoe: Never give up. My proposal first was rejected by APB Shah Alam and I started with part time mode. After that, APB Shah Alam offered me a one year full paid study leave. UiTM offered me Potential PhD programme for 2 years immediately after my CBGPTB. I did my PhD studies as if I was preparing for my proceedings and journal papers. I was lucky, my supervisor was influential and I completed my PhD in 4 and a half years' time, everything turned out as I had planned.



Dr. Hoe, with his loving family members who are his constant pillars of strength



Just one of the numerous accolades garnered by Associate Professor Dr. Hoe Foo Terng

Indeed, Dr Hoe plans well and executes his ideals into reality. He has been intensively involved in presenting his papers locally and abroad. Living up to the Arabic saying 'Tuntutilah ilmu sehingga ke negeri China', he has personally attended a one month Mandarin course on 'Teaching Mandarin as a Second Language' in Beijing (2011), presented numerous papers in Beijing & Hangchow and along the way won two consecutive biennial awards (2010 & 2012) in Beijing for 'Innovation in Teaching of Mandarin as a Second Language'. Truly, his achievements have and will continue to inspire many of us to follow his footsteps.

KURSUS ASAS BAHASA JEPUN & BAHASA JERMAN

Oleh Sabariah Muhamad, Melati Desa & Raja Rosila Raja Berahim

Kursus asas bahasa Jepun dan bahasa Jerman ini diadakan bagi memberi peluang kepada pelajar-pelajar diploma yang tidak berpeluang mempelajari bahasa-bahasa tersebut secara formal sepanjang tempoh pengajian mereka di UiTM cawangan Pulau Pinang .

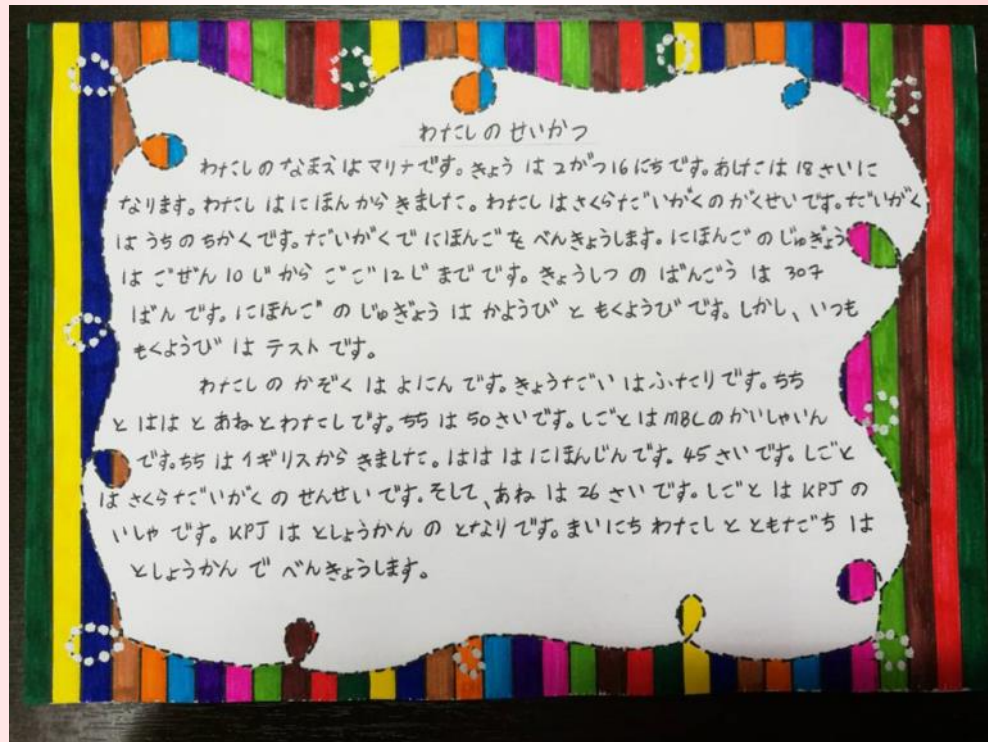
Kursus ini adalah percuma dimana kelas di adakan pada hari Jumaat, 2 minggu sekali pada jam 3-5 petang. Jumlah kelas yang dicadangkan ialah sebanyak 7 kali pertemuan (14 jam).

Bilangan pelajar yang memohon adalah seramai 74 orang yang terdiri daripada pelajar FKE, FKM dan FKA. Sebanyak 2 kelas bahasa Jepun dan 1 kelas bahasa Jerman telah dapat dijalankan. Kelas pertama telah pun diadakan pada 29 September yang lalu manakala kelas terakhir dijadualkan pada 22 Disember nanti.



Student Contribution

SITI NUR IZZAH BINTI ABDUL RAZAK (2017222034)
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Provided by Puan Sabariah Muhamad (Japanese Lecturer)

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The event also provided guests with ample opportunity to showcase individual's creativity and preference in line with the theme, **TEKNOLOGI INOVATIF PEMANGKIN KELESTARIAN SEJAGAT**. A new award of the most innovative traditional costume was created to up soar and instill our custom and tradition. Two distinguished personalities from APB received further recognition; Dr. Mah Boon Yih was chosen to win the second place for the traditional costume for men's category, and Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar the third place for the women's category.

We concluded the day with a solemnization of Hari Inovasi 2017. Congratulations to all of the award recipients and may their success motivate others to be more productive in years to come. It was a truly inspiring day and thumbs up to the organizing committee.

“Actions are by their intentions.” (Narrated by Bukhari and Muslim)



Lecturer Contribution

Mempelajari Simpulan Bahasa Mandarin: Yīmáobùbá

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Oleh En. Lim Soo Giap

Simpulan Bahasa Mandarin bermakna :

Orang yang sangat kedekut, sama erti dengan : Haji bakhil, air digenggam tidak tiris, ketam batu.

一根毛发也不肯拔出来。形容人极端自私吝啬。

Semasa zaman peperangan dahulu, terdapat pelbagai pendapat tentang teori dan ideologi . Seorang pemikir yang bernama Mo Di berpendapat bahawa manusia ini sayang menyayangi antara satu sama lain, saling membantu, membantah bunuh –membunuh. Seorang lagi pemikir yang bernama Yang Zhu pula berpendirian bahawa ‘kepentingan diri’ adalah asas utama, di mana segala-galanya bermula dari kepentingan dan untuk kebaikan diri sendiri . Pada suatu hari seorang pelajar Mo Di yang bernama Qinhu Li bertanya kepada Yang Zhu : “Jika mencabut satu daripada bulu di badan anda boleh memberikan kebahagiaan kepada dunia, adakah kamu sanggup membiarkan orang lain mencabutnya?” Jawab Yang Zhu: “Masalah dunia bukan boleh diselesaikan dengan sehelai bulu.” Pelajar tersebut bertanya lagi: “ jika ia boleh, adakah anda sudi memberikannya?” Yang Zhu masih berkeras dan tidak bersetuju dengan pelajar tersebut.

Zhànguó shídài, èzhǒng xuéshuō、sīxiǎng liúpài bìngcún。Sīxiǎngjiā Mò Dí zhǔzhāng rén lèi jiānài, 战国 时代，各种 学说、思想 流派 并存。思想家 墨翟 主张 人类 兼爱， rén yǔ rén zhī jiān hùxiāng bāngzhù, fǎnduì cánsā。lìng yī gè jiào Yáng Zhū de sīxiǎngjiā què zhǔzhāng 人与人 之 间 互相 帮助，反对 残杀。另 一个 叫 杨朱 的 思想家 却 主张 “wèi wǒ”，yī qiè cóng zìwǒ lìyì chū fā。Yītiān，Mò Dí de xuésheng Qín Huáilí wèn Yáng Zhū： “为 我”，一切 从 自我 利益 出发。一天，墨翟 的 学生 禽 滑厘 问 杨朱： “Rúguǒ báxià nǐ shēnshang de yī gēn hàn máo jiù kěyǐ zàofú tiānxià，nǐ kěn ràng rén bá ma？ “如果 拔下 你 身 上 的 一 根 汗 毛 就 可 以 造 福 天 下，你 肯 让 人 拔 吗？ ”Yáng Zhū shuō：“Tiānxià de wèntí jué bùshì yī gēn hàn máo suǒnéng jiějué de。”Duìfāng yòu wèn: 杨朱 说：“天下 的 问题 决 不 是 一 根 汗 毛 所 能 解 决 的。”对 方 又 问：“Jiǎrú néng de huà，nǐ kěn ma？”Yáng Zhū zuìzhōng hái shì méi tóngyì。 “假如 能 的 话，你 肯 吗？”杨朱 最终 还 是 没 同 意。

生词 Shengci	Kosakata
时代shídài	Zaman
思想家sīxiǎngjiā	Para pemikir/cendekiawan
人类rénlèi	Manusia sekalian
互相hùxiāng	Saling
帮助bāngzhù	Membantu
反对fǎnduì	Membantah/ bangkang/ tidak setuju
拔bá	Cabut
肯kěn	Sanggup
解决jiějué	Menyelesaikan



Juri Naik Lori

oleh Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar

Jam sudah menunjukkan pukul 6 petang. Sudah sampai masanya aku bertolak ke Shah Alam untuk acara 'Language Invention, Innovation and Design' yang akan dilangsungkan esok hari oleh Akademi Pengajian Bahasa, UiTM Shah Alam. Dalam jangkaanku, jam 11 malam nanti akan aku sampai ke sana. Tidak boleh bertolak lebih awal memandangkan kelas hanya tamat pada jam 4 petang pada hari itu. Agak sukar bagiku dan pelajar-pelajar untuk mencari masa untuk menggantinya nanti. Tidak apalah 11 malam pun, ujar aku dalam hati. Sekiranya aku dapat berehat sekejappun nanti di dalam hotel, ianya sudah memadai sebelum bertugas nanti.

Perjalanan lancar dengan aliran trafik yang sederhana di atas lebuhraya. Tidak sesak. Tetapi, kereta, bas, motosikal semuanya menderu laju. Masing-masing mahu pulang ke rumah selepas penat bekerja, ataupun mereka mempunyai agenda yang tersendiri seperti aku juga mungkin. Di kiri dan kanan, ku lewati kebun-kebun kelapa sawit berselang-seli dengan kawasan perumahan dan kilang.

Untuk mengelakkan kebosanan, aku biarkan radio kereta terpasang. Biarkan sahaja dia menyanyi dan becakap. Dapat juga dia menjadi rakan perjalanan dan penghibur setia. Apabila lagu 'Perfect' dendangan Ed Sheeran berkumandang, aku turut menyanyi kegembiraan. Terpaut sungguh aku dengan kemerduan lagu itu. Seolah-olah liriknya sedang ditujukan oleh sang pencinta yang memandu di sebelah kepada diriku. Namun, lamunanku tidak lama.

"Ada dengar bunyi apa-apa tak?" tanya suamiku.

"Emm... bunyi lagu adalah," jawabku.

"Bukan... Ada tak dengar macam bunyi tayar semacam ja? Tayar kanan kat belakang tu."

Radio terus saja aku tutup. Benar, aku tidak terdengar apa-apa yang pelik tentang tayar kereta putih kami. Suamiku lepaskan stering kereta untuk menguji samada kereta melelong ke tepi atau ke tengah. Tetapi ianya baik-baik saja. Untuk kepastian, suamiku berhenti di lorong kecemasan untuk memeriksa tayar kanan itu. Telahannya tepat. Memang tayar itu pecah. Mujur kereta tidak 'terbuang' atau menggelungsur bahaya. Agak membahayakan untuk berhenti di lorong kecemasan yang sempit itu lama-lama. Aku hanya boleh berdoa agar lori-lori dan kereta-kereta yang menderu

deras di tepi kereta nampak jelas dan tidak melanggar kami.

Suamiku meminta aku naik semula ke dalam kereta. Katanya dia harus memandu perlahan-lahan ke hadapan dan mencari tempat yang lebih luas untuk kami berhenti di tepi. Nasib kami baik. Di Km 164.7, tempat itu tersedia. Walaupun tidak bertar dan berbata-batu kerikil, ianya sudah memadai. Suamiku cuba menukar tayar sendiri, namun usahanya tidak berhasil kerana nut yang terpasang amat kuat. Hari semakin gelap. Deruan kenderaan yang tidak kunjung putus sedikit menggusarkan aku.

Aku berusaha menelefon bantuan daripada pihak PLUS. Mereka menjangkakan bahawa bantuan akan tiba dalam dua puluh ke tiga puluh minit. Sepanjang menanti bantuan, suamiku terus saja berusaha membuka nut. Dia tidak mahu mengalah. Dengan cahaya lampu suluh kecil yang aku pancarkan ke tayar, dapat aku lihat peluh membasahi muka dan badannya. Aku kasihankan sang pencinta ini tetapi aku tidak dapat membantu banyak kecuali membaca "La ila ha illa anta, subhanaka inni kuntu minaz zolimin". Ianya doa yang suamiku sering ingatkan aku supaya baca, terutama sekali ketika kesulitan.

Dalam penantian itu, sempat pula aku terfikir "Alangkah seronoknya jika asap pekat yang kuhidu di tepi lebuhraya ini dapat digantikan dengan udara segar tepi laut. Dan alangkah juga bagus jika gigitan nyamuk di tepi lebuhraya ini diganti dengan gigitan ikan-ikan manja yang datang memakan roti di tanganku ketika bersnorkelling." Mujur bantuan dari kereta peronda PLUS tiba sekitar 40 minit selepas itu. Maka ditukarlah tayar kereta yang bocor itu dengan tayar ganti. Kereta bantuanpun berlalu pergi. Malangnya, tak sampai lima minit kemudian, tayar ganti itu pula pecah. Hai... dugaan betul!

Akhirnya, dipandu perlahan-lahan kereta kami dengan tayar ganti yang pecah itu ke susur keluar Bandar Baharu. Lori penunda adalah pilihan terbaik nampaknya untuk membawa kami dan kereta ke kedai tayar. Jam pula sudah menunjukkan lebih 9 malam. Suzana dan Laili ingin datang membantu tetapi aku yakinkan keadaan semuanya masih terkawal. Kedai tayar terdekat yang disarankan mekanik ialah di Bukit Tambun yang selalunya ditutup pada pukul 8 malam. Tetapi atas ikhsan, mereka bersetuju untuk menunggu sehingga kami sampai.

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Hampir 10 malam, datanglah lori penunda. Aku keletihan tetapi bersyukur kerana bantuan untuk kali kedua telah tiba. Yang menarik lagi, inilah peluang untuk merasa naik lori! Bakal juri inovasi naik lori! Bila lagi? Ah Boon yang memandu lori itupun ramah orangnya dan tak habis-habis bercerita tentang kamera hadlaju AES, harga minyak yang terus-terusan naik dan betapa susah dia hendak mengumpul wang dan harus bekerja sehingga lewat malam. Celotehnya memecah keletihanku serta kesunyian malam itu. Setelah tiba ke kedai tayar, malangnya, saiz tayar yang diingini tiada dalam stok! Aduh! Kini, opsyen terakhir ialah ditukar sahaja tiub tayar yang membolehkan kami memandu perlahan-lahan dan pulang ke rumah dari Bukit Tambun ke Bandar Perda. Tak mungkin dengan tayar begitu kami boleh memandu ke Shah Alam. Peluang untuk menjadi juri keesokan hari nampak begitu samar. Aku pasrah.



'Paus Gemuk'ku naik lori penunda

Rumah yang siang tadi dikunci rapi akhirnya menerima semula kepulangan tuannya kira-kira lebih 11 malam. Sudah kubilang kepada suamiku, batalkan saja hasrat dia memanduku ke sana. Tetapi mengenalinya, dia tidak cepat mengalah. Disuruh aku mandi dan berehat dan biar saja dia memeriksa kereta kelabu kami yang sebuah lagi itu. Dibukanya bonet kereta, dan sungguh aku kurang arif apa yang diperiksanya! Dari dalam rumah, aku terdengar perbualan telefonnya dengan mekanik kami. Lalu, dia masuk ke rumah dan katanya, "Jom, kita naik saja 'Kucing Gemuk' ni." 'Kucing Gemuk' ialah nama timang-timangan yang diberi kepada kereta kelabu kami. Manakala, 'Paus Gemuk' ialah nama samaran yang diberikan kepada kereta putih kami yang kini 'terdampar' dengan tayar ganti!

Dipendekkan cerita, akhirnya kamipun memandu ke Shah Alam dan kira-kira jam 4 pagi, kami berhenti di Tapah untuk berehat dan minum kopi. Sebelum bertolak, ada suamiku bertanya serta meng-

ingatkan agar tiada barang keperluan tertinggal. Kini setelah sampai ke Tapah, barulah aku tersedar baju yang sudah kugosok rapi tidak kubawa dan masih tergantung di dalam 'Paus Gemuk'. Tidak dikeluarkan! Apa yang hendak kupakai?

Dalam beg bajuku, tiada sepasangpun baju kurung! Hanya kemeja dan jeans gelap. Apa lagi yang boleh kubuat? Nak beli di mana? Mana ada kedai baju yang buka jam 4 pagi sebegini? Inilah namanya takdir, kupujuk diriku sendiri. Suamiku hanya menoleng-noleng kepalanya dan tergelak kecil. Ujarnya, "Sebaik manapun perancangan, jika itu kehendaknya, siapa kita untuk tidak menerimanya?"

Kami tiba di hotel kira-kira jam 6 pagi. Sempatlah aku mandi, bersolat dan berehat walau seketika cuma. Maka di hari penjurian itu, tibalah aku pada jam 7.30 pagi di IDCC, Shah Alam dengan sehelai kemeja dan jeans gelap yang aku harapkan nampak agak formal di mata semua orang lain yang berada di situ. Sebolehnya mungkin, aku ingin mengelak daripada berjumpa dengan Dekan APB, takut-takut difikirkan aku ini tidak tahu adat! Namun, penjurian tetap dilaksanakan dengan sebaik mungkin. Pengalaman ini datang mungkin sekali seumur hidup. Walaupun tayar kereta pecah dua kali dan hanya kemeja serta jeans yang dapat kupakai untuk penjurian, namun aku dapat naik lori!



Penulis bersama-sama dengan juri lain di pertandingan 'Language Invention, Innovation and Design' 2017. Sampai terpejamlah mata akibat keletihan melampau!



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Best Ooo Masuk TV!

oleh Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar

Telefon berdering! Ah... malasnya nak angkat telefon cuti-cuti ni. Dah pukul 4 petang! Rasa nak rehat puas-puas. Tapi ianya dari adikku pula. Kenalah angkat akhirnya takut-takut ada hal yang penting.

"Rofi, nak masuk TV dak dalam program 'Assalamualaikum TV Al-Hijrah'?" tanya adikku.

"Kau ni... biar betul," ujarku tidak percaya.

"Betullah... baru tadi penerbitnya *call* suruh *confirmkan*," katanya lagi.

"Untuk apa?" soalku, masih tidak percaya.

"Nak cakap tentang aquaphobia. Artikel suratkhbar kitakan keluar hari ni... jadi dia nak minta kita cakap tentang tu esok," dia cuba meyakinkan aku.

"Esok? Betul esok? Wah... ini peluang sekali seumur hidup mungkin!"

"Ya, *so*... jadi ya?"

"OK," balasku padanya.

Maka, persiapanpun dibuat secepat mungkin untuk ke Kuala Lumpur. Kami harus bertolak malam itu juga kerana perlu berada di set lokasi tepat pukul 7 pagi keesokan hari. Baju yang hendak dipakai juga disyaratkan tidak berwarna biru kerana 'backdrop' set pentas program 'Assalamualaikum TV Al-Hijrah' itu berwarna biru. Aku tidak punya baju mahal berlabuci atau tudung Fareeda berharga ratusan ringgit. Yang aku suka pakai hanyalah baju jahitan ibuku sendiri yang berwarna merah dan bertanah hitam itu serta tudung pashmina yang tak sampai dua puluh ringgit harganya.

"I think it will look good on me!" ujarku meyakinkan diri sendiri. Lalu, baju dan tudung itupun dicapai dan digosok serta dilipat baik-baik dan dimasukkan ke dalam beg kecil. Aku suka baju dan tudung itu kerana bekas lipatan tidak akan nampak ketara nanti.

Malam selepas solat Isya, adikkupun hadir bersama adik iparku. Kami berempat, termasuk suamiku bertolak ke Kuala Lumpur. Di dalam perjalanan, kami berdua sibuk berbincang apa yang akan dicakapkan nanti.

Tepat pukul 4 pagi, kamipun sampai ke Kuala Lumpur dan menyewa Tune Hotel untuk mandi dan bersolat Subuh sebelum ke lokasi TV Al-Hijrah yang berhadapan dengan Masjid Negara. Berpusing-pusing juga mencari lokasinya walaupun Google Map menjadi penunjuk arah. Semasa sampai di lokasi sekitar pukul 6.30, hari masih gelap. Biar sampai awal supaya tidak menggelabah nanti.

Tepat jam 7 pagi, kami berdua dipanggil untuk *make-up*. Adikku yang lelaki pun kena disolek supaya tidak nampak pucat. Setelah selesai disolek, barulah kami menunggu giliran untuk ditemuramah.

Hampir jam 9 pagi, kamipun dipanggil masuk ke studio dan diberi taklimat ringkas. Pengacara rancangan 'Assalamualaikum' pada hari itu, 16 Januari, 2017, ialah oleh Irma Hasmie Ibrahim dan Amie Sofia Ahmad. Oleh kerana mereka berdua sudah amat cekap dengan tugas mereka mewawancara pelbagai tajuk dan jenis orang, maka tugas mereka nampak amat mudah. Kami juga diajak berbincang dengan santai supaya tidak berasa kekok untuk bercakap di hadapan kamera serta jutaan penonton lain. Dalam hati ada sedikit perasaan gemuruh bercampur gembira serta bangga kerana ini pertama kali pengalaman ditemuramah secara langsung. Kami sudah memaklumkan kepada ahli keluarga serta rakan-rakan terdekat masing-masing agar dapat menonton kami pada hari tersebut. Maklumlah, tidak pernah diwawancara seumur hidup, tiba-tiba peluang datang tanpa diduga! Pastilah seronok!



Penulis dan adiknya dari Muslim Swimming and Sports Academy ditemuramah di TV Al-Hijrah secara langsung dalam rancangan 'Assalamualaikum' pada 16 Januari 2017 berkenaan cara menangani aquaphobia serta langkah-langkah keselamatan dalam air.

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Terapi Air: Terapi Spatial dan Risiko bagi Pelatih Autistik

oleh Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar

Sebuah program yang dinamakan 'Terapi air: Terapi Spatial dan Risiko bagi pelatih Autistik' telah diadakan pada 10 Ogos, 2017 bertempat di Akademi Koreksional Malaysia, Langkawi, Kedah. Ia adalah sebuah program terapi pergerakan anggota badan serta kebolehan mengenalpasti ruang dan bahaya untuk pelajar-pelajar yang mengidap sindrom autisme. Program yang ditaja oleh Bank Rakyat dan Pejabat Pendidikan Daerah Langkawi telah mendapat liputan menyeluruh oleh pihak Berita Harian. Peserta-peserta yang terlibat terdiri daripada 40 pelajar autistik beserta ibu bapa masing-masing. Mereka yang terpilih telah dikenalpasti oleh Pejabat Pendidikan Daerah Langkawi.

Penulis terlibat secara langsung dengan program ini yang juga merupakan sebuah program khidmat masyarakat yang ditaja oleh Bank Rakyat kepada pelajar-pelajar yang menghidap sindrom Autisme. Penulis telah terpilih berdasarkan program terapi air yang telah diperkenalkan oleh penulis dan adiknya, Jazredal Aboo Bakar, bertajuk 'SPARISK' ('Aqua Therapy: Spatial and Risk Awareness for Students with Disabilities').

Pelajar-pelajar yang terlibat terdiri daripada mereka yang berusia daripada lapan sehingga 16 tahun. Ibu bapa disarankan turut terlibat dengan program terapi air ini kerana latihan berterusan boleh dilakukan nanti mengikut manual yang telahpun disediakan oleh pihak penulis. Pegawai serta guru-guru Pendidikan Khas turut serta di dalam program ini kerana ingin belajar dengan lebih lanjut tentang program terapi ini.

Penulis berkesempatan belajar sesuatu daripada pengalaman mengajar pelajar-pelajar istimewa ini. Maklumlah, penulis hanya mempunyai pengalaman bertugas selama 20 tahun sebagai seorang guru kepada pelajar-pelajar remaja menginjak dewasa. Tetapi pengalaman ini membolehkan penulis menyelami sedikit-sebanyak betapa ibu bapa dan guru-guru mereka harus menjadi seorang yang sangat-sangat sabar dan tabah di dalam melayani karenah anak-anak syurga ini. Ada yang langsung tidak betah untuk duduk diam barang seminit. Ada juga yang sangat sukar menerima sebarang arahan dan perubahan kepada rutin hariannya. Namun, kelegaan terjelma apabila penulis mendapati bahawa pelajar-pelajar istimewa ini gembira sekali apabila diberi peluang menjalani program terapi air ini. Apakah yang lebih menggembirakan seorang guru selain daripada mengetahui bahawa pelajar-pelajarnya amat gembira dengan pengalaman pembelajaran yang dilaluinya?



Penulis bersama beberapa pelajar autistik dan ibu bapa mereka di dalam program terapi ini



Penulis bersama-sama jurulatih-jurulatih renang dan guru-guru pelajar-pelajar autistik

... bersambung dari mukasurat 16

Ucapan tahniah datang bertalu-talu daripada kaum keluarga serta sahabat handai sebaik sahaja gambar kami diwawancara dimuatnaik ke dalam Facebook. Ada juga rakan-rakan yang melawak dan memberi komen, "Oh! Sudah jadi 'retis' (artis) kawan kami ni." Memang best ooo masuk tv! Tanyalah siapapun!

Tidak sia-sia jerih payah pengalaman belajar dan mengambil peperiksaan tentang keselamatan dalam air, melatih pelatih-pelatih lain untuk peperiksaan yang sama, mengambil peperiksaan untuk menjadi guru renang bertauliah, menjadi penasihat akademi renang, dan menulis di dalam suratkhbar serta jurnal antarabangsa tentang topik aquaphobia dihargai oleh penerbit rancangan ini dan diminta untuk berkongsi maklumat dengan masyarakat Malaysia. Mudah-mudahan isi dalam bual bicara itu dapat memanfaatkan masyarakat kita tentang peri pentingnya belajar mengatasi perasaan takutkan air dan belajar berenang untuk menyelamatkan diri sendiri di dalam keadaan kecemasan. Biar pun begitu kecil sumbangan ini, mudah-mudahan ianya dapat menjadi sumbangan amat bermakna daripada kami.

The CREATIVE CORNER



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If you think that language lecturers are only linguistically well-endowed, then, you're terribly mistaken. We have among us, the most artistically gifted ones as well. Don't believe me? Well, look no further. Here's the proof ... (The artist has provided accompanying descriptions for each of his/her masterpieces below)

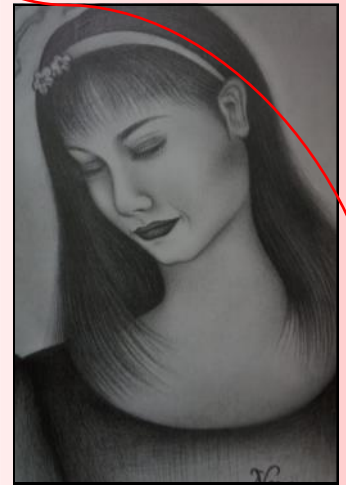
Portrait of My Dad



This portrait of the artist's father was completed in 2017. Having a father who is much better at drawing and painting, sketching her own father's portrait was the most challenging work for her as there will always be a comparison between the real face seen in person and the one that appears as a portrait on paper. Thus, of all portraits, this was the most difficult to finish for the amateur artist.

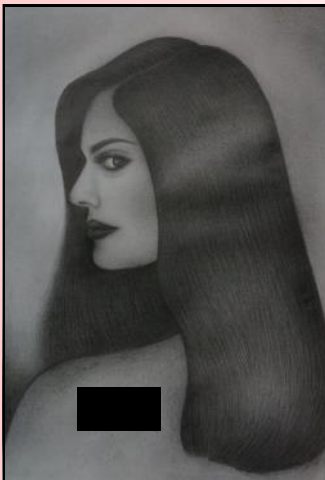


Shy Girl



This portrait was completed without any reference to any picture or still model and thus was based merely on the artist's imagination. Therefore, imperfect details can be clearly seen in the terms of the real positioning of the head, real human's face shape and size of the shoulders. Given pure imagination was used, this sketch is satisfying enough to the amateur artist.

Long Silky-haired Lady



This portrait was inspired by a shampoo advertisement in a magazine with some modification based on artist's own imagination. Since the original picture was missing, the artist decided to sketch the lady having a bare back. The highlight of this portrait intended by the artist is the long, silky, shining hair of lady that is always described as "the crown" of a lady that can attract many eyes to gaze.



I'm sure by now, you are 'dying' to find out who amongst us is that person? Well, the 'proof is in the pudding'. The name is hidden within the para at the top. Go ahead, take up the challenge! See if you can decipher his/her name or nickname.