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## ... from the Editorial Team

Dear readers,

It's the end of 2018 and we meet yet again through another issue of our in-house bulletin. As usual, this issue carries in it the numerous activities/events that concern members of our department. We are truly honoured to carry in this issue an exclusive interview with our Campus Deputy Rector for Academic Affairs, Prof. Madya Ir Dr. Ahmad Rashidy Razali. Thank you also to all our department staff who have independently contributed news and coverage of the multitude of events in and around our campus. 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 2019'.



## 'Sambutan Bulan Inovasi 2018 UiTMcPP'

by Rasaya Marimuthu



The month long 'Sambutan Bulan Inovasi 2018 UiTMcPP' reached its climax on 14 December 2018 with a grand celebration at the Dewan Besar. The Faculty of Civil Engineering, entrusted of organizing the celebrations for this year displayed their capability through a meticulous and creative effort. The purple/lavender theme truly captivated the essence of the event.

In his address, the Campus Rector, Prof. Madya Ts Dr Mohd Hashim besides congratulating the organizing committee on a wonderful effort also paid tribute to all the winners of the various categories of awards. He also brought to attention the awards and accolades that our campus had garnered in the past year, mainly the number and volume of research grants secured by our staff.

It was also a bountiful day for our very own APB as quite a number of our staff had garnered awards and certificates of appreciation in multiple categories. Of course, the big winner from our department was Miss Noraziah Mohd Amin who had won in 4 categories: *Service Excellence Award*, *Most Productive Lecturer*, *Publication Award (Platinum)* & *Most Active Writer (Platinum)*.

***Congratulations! Nora and the other winners from APB.***





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

### Small Feast Organized by DM52 Recipients

*by Noraziah Mohd Amin*

A small feast was organized by the recent recipients of the DM52 grade in their career as academics at the Academy of Language Studies (APB), UiTM Penang Campus. Some dishes such as curry noodles, “cucur udang”, “kuih lapis”, “karipap” and “the tarik” were thoroughly enjoyed by APB staff at the small department celebration which took place on 14 September, 2018 at the meeting room of the Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences. Wan Noorli Razali as the main organizer of this gathering proposed and presented the idea of this social event to the other recipients as a way of offering gratitude for their new career grade change and it was a collective, and consensual decision made by them in the end. It was an enjoyable gathering of exchanging greetings and personal as well as work updates with each other and hopefully, such social events can be held again in the near future.





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

### **‘Mentor-Mentee Di Bawah Inisiatif Pengukuhan Sains, Teknologi, Kejuruteraan dan Matematik (STEM)’ Program**

*by Noraziah Mohd Amin*

Three Academy of Language Studies (APB) lecturers, Wan Noorli Razali, Noraziah Mohd Amin and Syahirah Ramli were involved in a program called, “Mentor-Mentee Di Bawah Inisiatif Pengukuhan Sains, Teknologi, Kejuruteraan dan Matematik (STEM)” on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2018. This program was a joint-effort between the Department of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of Health Sciences and the Academy of Language Studies (APB) of UiTM Penang Campus. The APB lecturers were assigned the task of preparing the presentation module for the activity involved in the program, “Explorasi Sains: Siri Penyiasat Muda” which was part of the program. This activity was held at Dewan Besar, UiTM Penang Campus and more than 100 secondary school students had participated in it. The scientific exploration activity involved an investigation of a missing file containing important information of a chemical formula of some nuclear substance and finding the suspect of this crime. Wan Noorli Razali, Noraziah Mohd Amin and Syahirah Ramli were given the role as Interpol officers that require them to evaluate the students’ presentation of their discovery of the suspect. The activity was designed to be fun as well as informative for the students as they had to complete a series of tasks before coming to a conclusion of whom they thought the suspect for the crime was. The tasks comprised some challenges such as identifying the blood type, finger print, and shoe size of the suspect apart from locating the suspect, and finally presenting the evidence they have gathered that would relate one individual as the real suspect from the list of potential suspects given in front of the three APB lecturers. Their communicative ability in presenting in English was assessed using a rubric specifically developed by these lecturers for this activity. Some of the secondary school students had managed to show impressive proficiency of English and confidence, while some other students presented satisfactory English skills. The program ended with a closing ceremony that included prize giving by the VIPs invited to the students.



### **Kunjungan Hormat Delegasi APB, UiTM CPP ke Pejabat Rektor UNTAN dan Konsulat Malaysia, Pontianak**

*by Rofiza Aboo Bakar*

Bersempena dengan kunjungan balas oleh delegasi Akademi Pengajian Bahasa, Universiti Teknologi MARA Cawangan Pulau Pinang (UiTM CPP) ke Universitas Tanjungpura (UNTAN), Pontianak Kalimantan, Indonesia, mereka telah berbesar hati menjemput Rektor UiTM CPP untuk membuat kunjungan hormat ke Pejabat Rektor UNTAN. Kunjungan tersebut telah diadakan pada 26 Oktober, 2018 kira-kira 2 jam bermula pada 9 pagi dan berakhir pada jam 11 pagi.

Kunjungan tersebut yang diketuai oleh Rektor UiTM CPP, Prof. Madya TS Dr. Mohd Hisbany Mohd Hashim, dan diiringi oleh Timbalan Rektor HEA, Prof. Madya Ir. Dr. Ahmad Rashidy Razali, inisiator-inisiator MOU APB UiTM CPP-UNTAN, Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar dan Puan Farina Nozakiah Tazijan, serta Encik Adi Izhar Che Ani selaku Pegawai Perhubungan Antarabangsa UiTM CPP telah dimanfaatkan dengan perbincangan yang berkisar tentang kekuatan kampus kita dan bentuk-bentuk kerjasama lain yang boleh diadakan di antara kedua-dua pihak UiTM CPP dan UNTAN.

Menurut Rektor UNTAN, Prof. Dr. H. Thamrin Usman, UNTAN baru sahaja menyiapkan projek-projek perpustakaan digital dan hospital pengajian serta sedang bekerjasama dengan Kansas State University, USA untuk bidang pengajaran Bahasa Inggeris kepada krew pesawat Garuda dan Lion Air. Kerjasama mereka turut diadakan dengan syarikat Hyundai dari Korea untuk menghasilkan industri hijau kelapa sawit khusus untuk seluruh Kalimantan.

Pada sebelah petang pula, kunjungan hormat juga telah dibuat ke pejabat Konsulat Malaysia di Pontianak dan disambut oleh Pegawai Konsul, Tuan Mohiuddin Ghazali, beserta beberapa pegawai konsulat lain. Kesempatan kunjungan ini diambil untuk memohon pihak konsulat mempromosikan kursus-kursus UiTM CPP serta peluang mobiliti pensyarah kita di universiti-universiti Indonesia.



Rektor UiTM CPP menyampaikan cenderamata kepada Rektor UNTAN



Rektor UiTM CPP menyampaikan cenderamata kepada Pegawai Konsul





# UPALS Language Colloquium 2018

by Noraziah Mohd Amin

The Academy of Language Studies (APB), Universiti Teknologi MARA, Pulau Pinang was proud to host UPALS Language Colloquium 2018 with the theme, "Languages: Learners without Borders, Teachers without Frontiers." This colloquium was the third one organized by APB and the event took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, 2018 at Bilik Perdana 1. The colloquium received an overwhelming number of participants and presenters who came all the way from UUM, AIMST University and some other institutions. The colloquium was attended by the Rector of UiTM Penang Campus, Associate Professor Ts Dr. Mohd Hisbany Mohd Hashim at the simple opening ceremony of the program and it was later continued with the keynote speech delivered by the invited guest speaker, Dr. Mohamad-Noor Sharipudin. The speaker is a senior lecturer at the School of Multimedia Technology and Communication, Universiti Utara Malaysia, Sintok, Kedah, Malaysia. He delivered a speech entitled, "Communication in a Heterogeneous Society: Generational Cohort Perspective" that focused on the use of Generational Cohort Perspective (GCT) for effective communication to be planned to suit the profiles of the cohorts identified for successful marketing strategies and other purposes.

UPALS Language Colloquium 2018 welcomed contributions from scholars and academics in

various research areas of language, linguistics, literature and other related disciplines, who wished both to impart their insights and findings, and learn from other academics. It aimed to provide a unique, interdisciplinary environment in which discussions of possibly the latest research, and cordial networking with fellow academics, professionals and practitioners could be implemented. Among the topics of interest for the presenters' paper submission included Multimodal Teaching and Learning, Life-Long Learning, Applied Linguistics, Indigenous Languages, Language and Culture, Outcome-Based Learning, Literature and Linguistics, Creativity and Innovation, Foreign Language Learning, English for Specific Purposes, World Englishes and Languages, Disability and Language Learning, Media and Communication, Ubiquitous Learning and e-Learning. UPALS Language Colloquium 2018 received 12 new academic, research papers. The program was also a platform for a knowledge-sharing session where presentations of papers already presented at other colloquiums, conferences or seminars could be done again at UPALS Language Colloquium. The names of the authors of the papers presented at UPALS Language Colloquium 2018 are as follows (*next page*):



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# UPALS Language Colloquium 2018

by Noraziah Mohd Amin

No	Name(s) of Presenter(s)	Title of Paper
1	Nur Afiqah Ab. Latif	Persepsi Pensyarah Bahasa Berkenaan Gaya Bahasa Surat Rasmi: Sejauh Mana Penulisan Surat Rasmi Menjadi Suatu Masalah kepada Mereka?
2	Raja Rosila Raja Berahim	Kesalahan Penggunaan "Indefinite Article" dalam Pembelajaran bahasa Jerman: Kajian Kes Terjemahan Ayat oleh Pelajar Tahap Dua di UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang
3	Noor Azli Affendy Lee	Comparing Error patterns in First Year ESL Students' Written Discourse
4	Noraziah Mohd Amin	The Perception of UiTM students towards Teaching and Learning of Jawi at Various Levels of Education in Malaysia: What Should We Do to Expand its Mastery?
5	Nur Fatin Nabila Abd Rahman	Reading Preferences and Their Effects on BEN 7 Students' Academic Performance
6	Farina Nozakiah Tazijan	Improving Students' Engagement in Reading via Interactive Narratives
7	Agelyia a/p Murugan & Vigneswari a/p Rajaveloo	Acceptance of Vlogging Method by AIMST University Students: Yay or Nay?
8	Farhana Shukor	Assisting University Students to Analyze Journal Articles Critically Using Relevance Instructions: Views from Students' Perspective
9	Noraziah Mohd Amin	The Attitude of Non-Malays towards Malay and English Language and their Perception on Language of Choice (Malay or English) for Multi-racial Communication in Malaysia: A Study on Non-Malay Tertiary Students (UNITEN)
10	Norhasni Mohd Amin	The Perception of Young Learners towards "Walking Phrase" Activity: Is It Effective in Engaging them in English Phrase Reading and Sentence Writing?
11	Wan Noorli Razali	Increasing Language Learner's Confidence in Speaking English through Role Play Activity
12	Melati Desa	Kaedah Terjemahan Elemen Ekspresi dan Kinesik
13	Noraziah Mohd Amin	The Techniques Employed in Teaching Technical Terms: A Study on Educators at a Tertiary Educational Institution
14	Noor Azam Abdul Rahman	The Influence of Integrative Motivation in Learning Malay Language Vocabulary among Foreign Speakers at UNITEN
15	Suraya Hanis Ilias	Keberkesanan Penggunaan Model Rakan Pemikir dalam Meningkatkan Kemahiran Menulis Murid Sekolah Menengah

It is vital to notice that an event like UPALS Language Colloquium 2018 is important to be held and the sharing of insights and findings from the studies on languages is fascinating since there is so much that language can do to us as mentioned by Roger Bacon, "The conquest of learning is achieved through the knowledge of languages." It is evident that the knowledge about languages and being a skilled language user can benefit us in many ways. Thus, the organization of a language colloquium like UPALS Language Colloquium 2018 could hopefully contribute to enlightening us about the new discoveries and providing us with a substantial amount of interesting information in the areas of language and linguistics as the theme of this colloquium, "Languages: Learners without Borders, Teachers without Frontier" intended to promote. The event came to a close with a simple ceremony of certificate presentation and lucky draw at 4.30 p.m.



# At the UPALS Language Colloquium 2018



# *'Getting to know you'*

## *Featuring ... Prof. Madya Ir. Dr. Ahmad Rashidy Razali*



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

*Prof. Madya Ir. Dr. Ahmad Rashidy Razali has helmed the position of Deputy Rector of Academic Affairs, UiTM Penang Branch effectively since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Here, in this short interview with him, he gladly shares with APBians the lighter side of himself, his enthusiasm, insights, passion and advice.*

**LSC** : *Name three persons you idolize*

Dr. Rashidy : Firstly, I would like to thank APB for this opportunity. Back to the question, the three persons that I idolise are my father, my mother and my eldest sister. As for my father, his philosophy teaches me that in life, we have to be patient in whatever we do, just like the way he did. My mother instilled in me since I was small the meaning of courage and love to achieve everything in life. My eldest sister showed me the need to be responsible and honest in everything we do, to make sure we would get good returns.

**LSC** : *What makes you laugh the most?*

Dr. Rashidy : My kids. Whenever I am at home and feeling stressful about office work, they will entertain me with their cute faces, ask funny questions and sit on my lap. They are the greatest gifts that I would always appreciate and treasure.

**LSC** : *What are your favourite vacation/ tourist spots you have been to?*

Dr. Rashidy : I was blessed that I had the opportunity to visit and stay at so many interesting places around the world. Among the countries that I have visited include Canada, United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria, Monaco, China, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia and Australia. The best tourist spots are the Rocky Mountain Range in Canada, with their snow cap during winter, Swiss Alps and Japan's Mount Fuji. I love the view of cold and snowy mother nature.

**LSC** : *When was your proudest moment?*

Dr. Rashidy : There are many but becoming a father is my proudest moment to date. The feeling is so different, after more that 20 years of idolising my father's patience, it is now my turn.

**LSC** : *How is it like being a risk taker?*

Dr. Rashidy : I always hold on to the principle of 'if you never try, you will never know' and 'if you want to win big, you have to undertake the big risk'. In life or even in our daily work, the risk is always there, without you even knowing it. Even if the risk is big, failure should not make you down, but will wake you up to strive for better. Take the risk, because it is there for you to face it daily.

**LSC** : *What motivates you to work hard?*

Dr. Rashidy : I believe that we must do our best in whatever we do in life, in every responsibility, and in every task that is given. In some cases, we must work very hard, but sometimes we have to be smart because not all big tasks require hard work. The thing that motivates me is my family, because whenever I am out to work, leaving my kids at various places, they remind me to keep working hard to earn a living for my beloved family.

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

Dr. Rashidy : I love surprises but not good at doing it. Surprises keep the motivation high, give an energy booster to a relationship and it colours the life with appreciation and joy. Most importantly, at the end of the day, it will always make a person smile.

**LSC** : *What do you intend to do in future now that you have successfully obtained your doctorate degree and associate professorship academic title?*

Dr. Rashidy : I want to be successful in my career. As an academican, I must say that attaining the Professorship status is every lecturer's destination. Yes sure, I am looking forward to get to that level. On the other hand, I wish that I would contribute as much as I could to UiTM, to the students, society and the country that we love. In our later stage of life, the Professorship will not be with us, but the contribution that we leave to the university, students, society and the country that will be remembered by many and more meaningful to us.

**LSC** : *Do share with APB staff your struggles (if any) while doing your PhD studies and how you finally managed to triumph against all odds.*

Dr. Rashidy : PhD is a journey, whenever we embark on it, always set our mind that we will achieve it. I did my PhD at University of Queensland Australia in June 2008 until February 2012. My journey is unique, especially because I did it together with my wife and we promised to make sure that our daughter would experience a good life too while accompanying us. I was blessed with a very understanding supervisor. He is a senior professor and a humble academican that showed me that PhD is not about the title, but as a training process to become an independent researcher. The training had small and big outputs. There are the novel findings in literature, paper publications and finally the thesis that will earn you the PhD. Every twist and turn must be taken with courage and a positive mindset. I began my first year with close guidance by

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my supervisor on how to identify the novel and impactful real problem to be solved. I started to realize that every contribution to the knowledge plays a very important role in determining the world technology expansions. After defending successfully my PhD Candidature seminar, I had full confidence that I could finish my PhD on time with proper research schedule. During the later stage of PhD, my supervisor started to let me be more independent, and we would only meet on Monday mornings in our research group meeting while presenting our progress. It's weekly! and sometimes we didn't have much to present. But with this discipline, it made me more focussed every week. Another aspect of PhD work is to publish articles in reputable journal. At the end of my PhD, I managed to publish six ISI journals that entitled me to produce a thesis by publication. My final stage of PhD journey took its greatest twist when my father-in-law passed away in mid-2011 and four months later my supervisor passed away. In PhD, it is all or nothing, so we strive to the final line with our full commitment. Alhamdulillah we managed to complete our PhD journey and returned to Malaysia to serve UiTM in March 2012.

**LSC** : *What is your highest award achievement?*

Dr. Rashidy : I was awarded the 2010 Richard Jagoh Memorial Prize by the senate of the University of Queensland for excellence in research work, the first ever international research student to be awarded with this prestigious Prize. Along with the award is a \$2000 cash, which was a big sum for me as a student too.

**LSC** : *What is your expectation of APB Lecturers?*

Dr. Rashidy : I hope that APB lecturers can serve UiTMCP in every way they can beyond the academic aspect, because they have many talents, and I believe those talents can drive UiTMCP to have better visibility status in the future.



*Snowy Mountain in Japan with family in 2010*



*Enjoying the show at Swiss Alps in 2004*



*Walk-in Interview for UiTM Lecturer position in London 2004*



## A Judge's Tips for Invention, Innovation and Design Competitions

In 2018, Dr Mah Boon Yih was invited as a judge for poster presentations in the Northern Zone Research Conference in English Language Education (NORCELE) 2018 by the Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA) in collaboration with the Institute of Teacher Education, Tuanku Bainun Campus, Penang, on 25 April 2018. Besides, he was also appointed as a judge of 2018 Asia Innovation Show on 28 April 2018 at Paragon Mall, Penang. Additionally, he had also contributed his expertise as a judge in Language Invention, Innovation & Design (LIID 2018) organised by Akademi Pengajian Bahasa, UiTM Shah Alam in conjunction with ILANNS 2018. Based on his vast experience of being a judge in innovation, invention and design competitions, he has three fundamental tips for the fellow contestants in order to be able to stand out from the crowd.

The 1<sup>st</sup> tip is: *Instead of knowing what you've done, you must know also how to impress your judge with a "wow" factor of your work that deserves to be awarded.* The "wow" factor must be something that shows your strength and uniqueness, which will amaze the evaluators through different senses including your creative/innovative ideas, product attributes, poster design, and even your presentation skills. Hence, after the wow factor of your invention/innovation, the next is your presenting and pitching skills. Based on Dr Mah's observations, he found this as the most common problem faced by the presenters who need to improve their English to communicate effectively. It is crucial to attract the judges' attention on the projects' needs and values within the shortest time available; it will not be always a good sign if the judges were to ask questions more frequently than presenting your ideas. So, his second tip is: *Attract the judges' attention the soonest on the needs and values of your product.* Besides the "wow" factor, needs and values, the preparedness of solid evidences as the highlights to the judge is also essential to be considered. These include intellectual property ownership, high indexed publications, and previous awards related to the current product. These elements are vital for different categories of scoring purpose. Thus, *highlight the solid evidences to the judge* and this piece of advice is also served as the third tip for the contestants.



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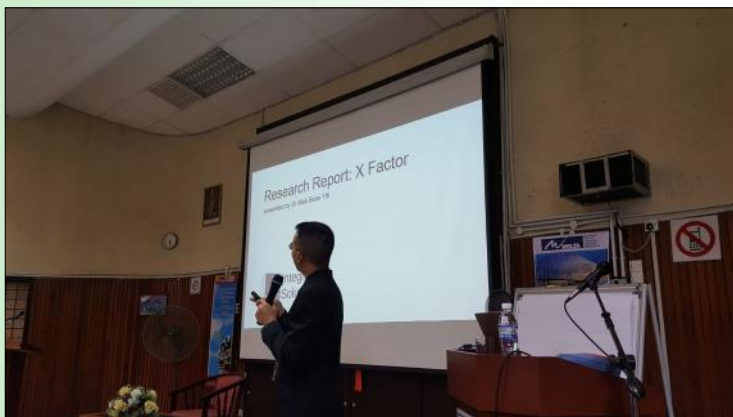
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## Research Report: X Factor ()

A WeCWI Integrated Solutions' workshop entitled Research Report: X Factor was featured in the Northern Zone Research Conference in English Language Education (NORCELE) 2018 on 25 April 2018 organised by Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA) in collaboration with Institute of Teacher Education, Tuanku Bainun Campus, Penang. This workshop aims to help the writers to identify the X factor of writing a research report, so the participants will be able to plan, execute, and report a research in a systematic, structured, and guided manner. Besides, WeCWI Integrated Solutions' workshop (网络认知写作教学综合方案作坊) in its Chinese language version entitled “研究报告: X因素” was also presented to the academicians and postgraduate students at North Minzu University (北方民族大学), Yinchuan, Ningxia, China. Besides being a facilitator of this workshop, Dr Mah Boon Yih was involved as one of the committee members to represent Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Penang Branch in signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with North Minzu University for further collaboration in various academic affairs and research activities. This workshop was delivered in Chinese language with the objective to assist the participants in writing a research report from A to Z by highlighting the X factor through focussing on the essential steps from finding a topic until submission or publication.

Research Report: X Factor” workshop covers both writing and research perspectives into one agenda. Why write? Write what? Why do research? How to write from research? These are the four basic queries that will be addressed before venturing into a structured scientific writing process. This workshop aims to highlight the X factor through the exploration of the essential steps to write a research report from A to Z. The workshop will begin with the exposure on academic writing conventions, plagiarism avoidance, research assignment analysis, and research schedule establishment, which are the prerequisite knowledge and skills acquired before finding and narrowing a topic within a defined scope. During the drafting process, the researcher needs to read, annotate, and create a list of references in a specified format and style. The main points need to be organised and justified with the relevant supporting details in an associated manner. Before submitting the manuscript for examination or publication, the draft needs to be refined through revising, editing, and proofreading processes. Based on the summary of the key points from these steps, a formulated X factor namely ADOJAR is emphasised. ADOJAR is an acronym referring to Acquired, Defined, Organised, Justified, Associated, and Refined. By understanding and bearing this X factor in mind, academics, researchers, and postgraduate students can plan, execute, and report their research effectively in a systematic, structured, and guided manner.



*A WeCWI Integrated Solutions' workshop entitled Research Report X Factor was featured in NORCELE 2018 on 25 April 2018 organised by MELTA*



*A WeCWI Integrated Solutions' workshop (网络认知写作教学综合方案作坊) entitled Research Report X Factor (研究报告 X因素) was presented at North Minzu University (北方民族大学), Yinchuan, Ningxia, China*



# Student Contribution

## 18 years old: We are wise enough to vote!

#1

by Nazrien Jaafar  
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Election day is not a strange term anymore. Truth to be told, every country will face an election day to decide which representatives in each political party that are worthy of becoming the next leaders. Long story short, the power to decide who is the next leader that will lead Malaysia in the future lies in the people's hand.

'Every vote counts' that is the slogan that we always believe since we were kids whenever an election takes place but is it true? As we all know, to be able to vote during the election day, the first paramount criterion is the age. Voters used to be those 21 years old or above. As the first step towards New Malaysia, the age limit has been reduced to 18 years old. I strongly support the act.

I strongly believe for us to make Malaysia as one of the top countries in the world, we first need to change our perspective. We should propose fresh and green ideas, and one of that is by letting our group of teenagers to participate in the election day, allowing their voice to be heard.

The main purpose for teenager's participation in politics is because the youths were hit the hardest by great recession. Last year, Malaysian youth-unemployment crisis has gone up to 10.8 %, stated in a research conducted by the MIDF (Malaysian Industrial Development Finances) and issued in The Edge Financial Daily on May 4, 2018. This gives us another reason why teenagers should participate in the election. They can use politics as the 'stage' to present the problems or to voice out their opinion for the country greater good.

Nowadays, some of the youth in our countries have shown great promises in politics. Teens also can make a great decision, think rationally and maturely in deciding the fate of the country. The old perspective of teenagers in our community should be changed. Most of the adults only see youth as playful and immature community who are handicapped of making any relevant decision in their life. They see that teenagers in our country as raw minds that require continuous guidance from the experienced ones.

If we observe carefully, we can see that even youth can make a rational decision during crisis time or in a big event. For example, despite of his young age, Syed Saddiq is already holding the position as Youth and Sports Minister and as one of the greatest debater in the world. This is the solid proof that shows the youth can contribute tremendously to the country.

The population of the youth in our country outnumber the adults. Because of these young voters are great assets in acting as a political force that will be changing the outcome of the election. In our community these days, we can see that people are mostly afraid of changes in their lives. However, not all changes that happen in our life are bad ones. Sometimes, changes happen in life for greater goods. In order to survive in this harsh world an individual need to adapt, overcome and change in their life. As people change, they become stronger and gain more experiences in life. Thus, I definitely say that allowing an 18 years old to vote is a wise decision.

**Try this!!!**

She told him that she  
loved him.

**Try inserting the word 'only' before every word in the sentence (one at a time), and see how the expression changes every time you do that.**



# Student Contribution

## Living overseas: My experiences to be shared #2

by Muhammad Afiq bin Mohd Jamil  
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Throughout my 19 years on this earth I've been through many hardships. It shaped me into the man I am today. I'm nowhere near perfect but I'm more aware and matured than anyone of my age. I remember the time my parents told me we were going to live overseas. I didn't know what overseas meant at that time, but I was excited nonetheless. Getting on that first plane to Ireland was probably the best feeling in my life and I will always cherish that moment.

To be honest, I thanked my parents for giving me the life overseas. They were daring; they risked their jobs for the interview. It showed me how much taking risks can pay off. I never really see how different the culture and people were until I had to come back to Malaysia. To be honest, Ireland is my home and Malaysia is where I was born. Home is where my heart is, that is Ireland.

Ireland's a wonderful place. Lush green countryside that make you feel at peace just by looking at them. The big cities were also majestic to me, they seemed so full of life. Sure, it has its downsides like drunk people and occasional protesters in the city. However, it is a very beautiful place with beautiful people who are exceptionally kind. One time, my mother left me in the car to go inside a grocery shop to buy some groceries. The car engine was on and me being a kid, I played around with a windscreen wiper. An Irishman came to the car window and scolded me to stop, not only that but he then went inside to find my mum in the hundreds of people in the store. He succeeded in finding my mother and came back, he told us that it's very dangerous to leave children in the car with or without the engine on and the doors locked.

Cork was a weird but fantastic mix between the countryside and the city. You would get calm and warm vibes driving around the city. Everything seems so peaceful. There was a lake that I used to go and feed ducks. I remember it as if it was yesterday. My parents brought me there on a weekly basis. Always had fun. School life was awesome, made some pretty good friends over there.

So, with all that being said, everyone should travel. See the world. Experience the cultures, scenery, wonders out there before it's all gone. There's so much to see, so much to do. Don't wait for an opportunity to come by, create those opportunities for

## Regimental life: The man I am

by Muhammad Afiq bin Mohd Jamil  
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## #3

When you talk about the regimental lifestyle all that comes to mind is the military. I've never actually served in the military, but I was in a military school. Basically, the same thing but without the "going to war part". We mostly live like military personnel stationed at the bases. You still go through the same training just you don't do fieldwork. I was a student in the Royal Military College (R.M.C) at the military camp at Sungai Besi. When I first arrive I had this sense of accomplishment. I felt like I made it. There's only one R.M.C in the whole of Malaysia, so who wouldn't feel proud. The feeling couldn't prepare me for what was to come.

As new students or "new boys" we were treated like recruits. A full year of constant military checks, marching, shooting, battle simulation to make us the best of the best. You know what, I believe it worked. All that sweat, and tears meant something. If it wasn't for the training, I wouldn't have been the man I am today. For the first few months, your identity as a civilian was stripped. You were told you have to dress and to eat in a certain way. To wait for your brothers in arms. To always listen to orders. To tell you the truth, it does at times strike you as dumb or stupid but looking back it makes sense.

I've always admired the military, since I was a kid. While everyone was dreaming of being an astronaut, being a superhero or even just being someone who made it, I dreamed of going to war. I was always fascinated by the courage and strength the military personnel was depicting in the movies. Going into R.M.C I got lost in the regimental lifestyle and the rules. For once I felt like I belonged. Before I went into R.M.C, I would say I found it hard to fit in because at that time I just had returned from Ireland and the cultural differences were vastly different. I was this seemingly lost Irish kid trying to fit in a foreign country. R.M.C and its regimental lifestyle sorted my problems straight.

After I left R.M.C, you could say the lifestyle was stuck with me. I couldn't do things differently and because of that I felt like it was hard to fit in. I think a lot of ex-military people who have went through the regimental lifestyle feel the same. Before I went to R.M.C I thought everything would just be the same thing, but boy was I wrong. After you leave you have this feeling of being purposeless. You would start to feel like you have no function. I think it's just mostly due to there being no more orders to follow. You would always be overwhelmed by everything, but it works out in the end.

In the end if ask me to do I miss all the punishments, all the parades, all the hardships that came with it I'd say yes. It's true when people say you never know how important something is until you lose it. At times I wish my time in R.M.C never ended. Yes, it's hard, yes it can be taxing, but it's worth it. You end up being very disciplined and have vastly improved from before I entered. I am thankful for having the experience, and in return I've shared my story here. Who knows who ever reads this gets inspiration and enters the military for better self-improvement. All I can say is that If you do end up choosing the military, just know you're in one of the best jobs ever. You'll be another in the long list of patriots of this great country.

# Lecturer Contribution

## Cara-cara untuk Tanya Soalan dalam Bahasa Mandarin oleh En. Lim Soo Giap



1. Zhè shì shénme?  
(Ini ialah apa?) (Susunan dlm Bahasa M'sia)  
Apa ini? (Maksud sebenarnya)
2. Zhè shì shū.  
Ini ialah buku.
3. Zhè búshì shū  
Ini bukan buku.
4. Zhè shì shū ma?  
Ini (ialah) buku kah?
5. Zhè shì búshì shū ?  
Ini ya atau bukan buku?

Ada beberapa cara untuk tanya soalan dalam bahasa Mandarin, cara-cara ini ialah:

(a) Mengguna kata tanya seperti

Shénme – apa  
Wèi shénme – mengapa  
Zěnmeyàng – bagaimana  
Shénme shíhou - bila

(b) Mengguna petunjuk soalan “ma” seperti dalam ayat keempat di atas.  
“ma” berfungsi hampir sama dengan kah dlm Bahasa Malaysia.

(c) Mengguna struktur positif/negatif seperti dalam ayat kelima.

Perkataan-perkataan yang biasa digunakan untuk membentuk struktur +ve/-ve .  
kebanyakannya adalah kata-kata kerja dan kata-kata sifat.

Positif.	Negatif	Positif/Negatif
shì (ya)	búshì i (bukan)	shì búshì? (ya atau tidak?)
hǎo (baik)	bù hǎo (tidak baik)	hǎo bu hǎo? (baik atau tidak?)
qù(pergi)	bú qù (tidak pergi)	qù bu qù? (pergi atau tidak?)

Diingatkan bahawa struktur +ve/-ve tidak boleh guna bersama petunjuk soalan “ma”.  
Jadi gunalah antara satu saja.

Salah: Zhè shì búshì shū ma ?

Betul: Zhè shì búshì shū ?

Betul: Zhè shì shū ma ?

(d) Mengguna intonasi

Ayat biasa selalunya disebutkan dengan intonasi rendah,kadangkala kita boleh tukar sesuatu ayat kepada soalan dengan mengguna intonasi yang tinggi.



## HIJAU

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Tanaman yang pertama ini dipanggil belalai gajah. Secara saintifik, ia dikenali sebagai nama saintifiknya *Clinacanthus nutans*. Tanaman ini dari jenis batang yang berkayu dan merimbun, jadi perlu selalu dipangkas agar kelihatan kemas dan rapi. Daunnya bersifat tunggal, hijau dan runcing diujung. Ia boleh hidup di atas tanah dan juga dengan memasukkan batangnya ke dalam bekas berisi air. Namun begitu air rendaman perlulah selalu diganti bagi mengelakkan kerosakan pada batangnya.

Ia boleh membiak melalui keratan batang. Untuk mendapat hasil daun yang baik, adalah perlu untuk menanamnya dibawah kawasan yang sedikit redup dan elakkan daripada terdedah terus kepada cahaya matahari yang terik. Ia perlu disiram dengan air sekurang-kurangnya sekali sehari dan yang lebih baik adalah dengan menggunakan air hujan kerana air paip mengandungi klorin yang dikhuatiri akan merosakkan pokok. Penggunaan baja organik adalah disarankan kerana daun tumbuhan ini boleh dimakan.

Daunnya yang tirus dan panjang boleh mencecah sehinggalah 4 cm, boleh dimakan sebagai ulam dan boleh juga dijadikan jus. Kerana tekstur daun yang sedikit liat, ada juga pakar botani yang menasihatkan agar ia tidak dimakan terus kerana berkemungkinan menyebabkan gangguan sistem pencernaan. Melalui banyak sumber di internet, pohon ini mempunyai kadar anti oksidan yang tinggi

untuk mengatasi sel-sel kanser dan mengekalkan sel-sel sihat dalam tubuh manusia.



Tanaman ini pula dikenali sebagai keladi tikus. Keladi tikus ini bukanlah tumbuhan yang biasa dilihat dirumah. Ia adalah daripada jenis keladi yang berubi dan bersaiz kecil, hidup di kawasan berair. Herba ini kini telah dikormesilkan dalam bentuk kapsul. Universiti Sains Malaysia telah menjalankan kajian ke atas tumbuhan daripada jenis keladi ini dan mendapati *Typhonium Flagelliforme* ini mampu mengubati pesakit-pesakit yang menghadapi penyakit barah dan Prof. Christopher Teo Kheng Hoe telah berjaya menolong lebih 800 orang pesakit tempatan dan luar negara termasuk dari New Zeland, Amerika Syarikat, India, Indonesia dan Australia dengan menggunakan tanaman ini.

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## A trip down Kapuas River, Pontianak, Kalimantan

by Suzana Ab. Rahim

“Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream...merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily...life is but a dream..”. Have you ever taken a boat trip down a river? Does it excite you to be on a boat ride and see what awaits to be explored? Well, we were lucky enough to have gone on a trip down this longest river in Indonesia while we were there in Pontianak for the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Teaching and Education from the 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> of October. We took a van trip to the jetty from the Mercure hotel and ahoy.....the boat or rather a smaller ferry was there ready to go chug a chug. Given a greeting aloe vera gel-cold drink and plates of banana fritters laced with choc and cheese, we settled on the deck up the ferry taking in the view and the cool breeze surrounding us. We passed by lots of ships and cargos along the way and houses of villages located along the seemingly tame and long river. We were made aware that the Kapuas River is the major waterway in that part of Indonesia. At some point, the ferry stopped to make way for a visit to the Equatorial Monument which Pontianak boasts and hosts as the only city in the world that exists right on that imaginary Equator line. There we got to witness the historic line separating the Earth's northern hemisphere from the southern one. At this jetty point, there were so many other ferries packed with tourists and locals who took the opportunity for a sight-seeing since it was after all, their weekend. We sighted some of our colleagues up the ferry too and could only wave at them hoping to exchange the stories once we meet them the next day. Then, as we cruised the slightly orange brown muddy waters, we noticed how the young kids were taking a dip in it with such excitement in their cries and showing no fear of any possible lurking river creatures. The next stop was off to this the wooden Mesjid Abdurrahman which has stood and survived some 247 years and a walk of 500 metres or so from the Mosque brought us to the Kadariah Sultan Palace of Pontianak where it bears witness to the long existing first Sultanate government of Pontianak. The old palace boasts a French antique mirror in the main hall known as a "thousand glass" and mystical cannons amongst other artifacts. After a while, the ferry reached the jetty and we alighted from it before heading for our hotel-home. Forlornly, we waved goodbye to the longest Indonesia River which surely holds a lot of mysteries rejoicing the people who have never ceased using it.







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## **"Jodoh"**

by Noraziah Mohd Amin

*"Jodoh" - What is "jodoh"?  
People seem to care about it though,  
When I'm asked about it, I just say, "Err", "Hmm", or "Oh",  
And sometimes I just "buat bodoh",  
Or "buat-buat bodoh",  
Or "buat bodoh-bodoh",  
Just to act dumb but even so,  
They'd ask me again though,  
"Jodoh" - Should it make me feel so low?  
And frantically say, "Clock is ticking! Oh, no!!!"?  
And display a face full of woe?  
Just because I don't follow,  
The stressful deadline set by those people so shallow,  
Just because it's coming so slow,  
I am forced to wear this title like a dumb buffalo,  
You could be called a "Spinster" or an "Unwanted bachelor",  
Such a mantra played in their minds like the radio,  
Hey, I'm not a coach potato!  
I'm busy with many things today and tomorrow,  
And after tomorrow and the next tomorrow,  
And I'm not a "desperado",  
I like it to move "despacito",  
No need to keep an eye on me, you psycho!  
Put your partner safe in your closet and there you go!  
Who is insecure now? I think you know,  
So stop worrying about me like your work is zero,  
Well, God knows what I don't know,  
So, I'm just gonna relax and take it slow!  
Don't think much about my "jodoh",  
When it's the time, it'll come by and say "Hello"!  
So chill and let the worry go!  
Shooohh...! Move along and stop asking me again, yo!*

