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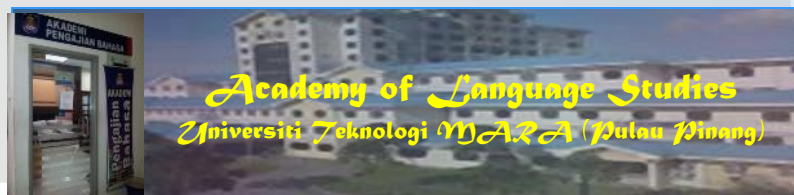
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### We need your contribution,



1. if you've attended or presented at any workshops / conferences etc.
2. if you've updates regarding Third languages (Mandarin / French / Japanese / German / Arabic)
3. if you've updates on the English Language Club
4. if you've contributions from your students (in any language)
5. if you've your own personal contributions



### ... from the Editorial Team

Greetings, everyone. Here we are, meeting again in the 3rd issue for 2021. As always, this issue comes to you with many interesting news and contributions from our department staff who never cease to amaze me in their zeal to always want to write and publish in spite of their never-ending workload and personal commitments. Thank you for that.. Last but not least, we wish you 'HAPPY READING' and do continue to contribute to our future issues.



## 1st International Conference on Modern Languages and Applied Linguistics (ICMAL) 2021

by Hanani Ahmad Zubir & Wan Noorli Razali

The 1st International Conference on Modern Languages and Applied Linguistics (ICMAL) 2021 was organised on 14 and 15 September 2021 by Akademi Pengajian Bahasa (APB), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Cawangan Pulau Pinang. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, this is the first ICMAL organised virtually via Microsoft Team. The theme of the conference was "Revolutionising Language Education in the New Norm". ICMAL was previously known as the Malaysian International Conference on Academic Strategies in English Language Teaching (MyCASELT) and International Conference on Issues in Language Teaching and Learning among Non-Native Speakers (ILANNS). The co-organisers of ICMAL 2021 were Universitas Tanjungpura, Indonesia and Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany.

The previous five MyCASELT, organised by APB, UiTM Shah Alam, were successfully carried out in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2017. Subsequently, UiTM Shah Alam decided to provide equal opportunity to other branch campuses to organise the conference via turn-taking. Thus, in 2019, the 6th MyCASELT was organised for the first time by the APB branch campus; UiTM Cawangan Sabah. Meanwhile, the past four ILANNS were organised in 2005, 2009, 2014, and 2018 respectively.

ICMAL 2021 secretariat was led by Mrs. Hanani Ahmad Zubir as the Project Director with Professor Ts. Dr. Salmiah Kasolang, the Rector and Professor Dr. Othman Ismail, the APB Dean as advisors, and Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar, Head of APB UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang as the chairperson. The secretariat team comprised of 40 committee members. Numerous meetings were conducted among the committee members to plan and execute actions that helped ensure the smooth progress of the conference. Kudos to all committee members for their hard work!

The conference started on 14 September 2021 with paper presentations from local authors and then shifted to the interna-

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

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tional presenters later in the afternoon. A total of 59 papers were presented in four different parallel rooms. Room 1 focused on the theme of foreign language learning and linguistics and literature, room 2 on applied linguistics, room 3 on English for specific purposes, indigenous languages, language and culture, multimodal and outcome-based learning and room 4 focused on creativity and innovation, hybrid teaching and learning, online assessments, ubiquitous learning, and e-learning. Each room was handled by two producers and a session moderator.



Parallel session

The opening ceremony was at noon with the National Anthem and Wawasan Setia Warga UiTM followed by the doa recital by Mr. Muhammad Aiman Abdul Halim. This was continued with speeches from the Dean and the Campus Rector. After the ICMAL 2021 montage was played, the Dean took the honour of clicking on the online spinning wheel to select the next lucky campus that will be hosting ICMAL 2023. The successor is UiTM Cawangan Kedah: congratulations!

The conference continued with the first keynote speech from the Dean of APB, Prof. Dr. Haji Othman Ismail with his speech on 'Language and Technology'. This was followed by a plenary speech by Dr. Sudarsono from UNTAN on 'Teacher Education in Indonesia'. Prof. Ts. Dr. Salmiah Kasolang then presented her inspiring keynote speech entitled 'Language Strategies for Meaningful Lifelong Learning in Engineering Education'. The plenary speaker, Dr. Kristof Savski from Prince of Songkhla University continued the session with his speech on 'Language Policy'. The session was continued with another keynote speech by Professor Dr. Hajar Abdul Rahim from Universiti Sains Malaysia who addressed the topic of 'Language and Culture'. Dr. Zuraidah Ali from Universiti Tenaga Nasional then continued with her plenary speech on 'English for Specific Purposes'. Dr. Rofiza Aboo Bakar continued to inspire the conference participants by addressing the topic of 'Creativity in Language Learning'. The keynote and plenary sessions ended with a keynote address by Professor Dr. Arndt Graf from the Goethe University of Frankfurt on Southeast Asian Studies.



The organising committee

All speakers, presenters, and participants were pleased with the conference. With the positive feedback given, apparently, it has achieved its objective as an avenue for the sharing of knowledge and discussion on different aspects of languages. Language is a tool that helps to operate the world and keeps us evolving. It remains relevant in the past, present, and in the future. Congratulations to all the conference organisers, presenters, and participants. With everyone's commitment, the conference was a success. Alhamdulillah!



Keynote and Plenary sessions

