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Delivering Effective Speeches Workshop: Workshop Series 3

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Alas, the third workshop series of English for University Professionals was successfully conducted among lecturers from various faculties at Universiti Teknologi MARA, Cawangan Pulau Pinang on January 14, 2022 from 3.00 p.m to 5.00 p.m. The session was conducted online on Google Meet platform. The 30 participants were divided into six small groups which ran concurrently. The facilitators were Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mah Boon Yih, Nazima Versay Kudus, Wan Noorli Razali, Marni Jamil, Nur Afiqah Ab. Latif and Noraziah Mohd Amin.



Each facilitator was designated to prepare notes for various subsections of the workshop. The six components were topic selection, developing central and main ideas, starting your speech, ending your speech, delivering your speech, as well as using language and visuals. Noor Azli Affendy Lee was in charge of putting the notes into eye-catching Canva presentations.



Among the feedback received were that there were a lot of notes and useful tips given during the session and the individual presentation session gave the attendees opportunities to polish their rustic public speaking skills. According to the survey polls generated from the participants' feedback, 100% of them were satisfied with the workshop content and platform. Out of the 30 participants who responded, only one participant was not satisfied with the duration of the workshop. Every participant agreed that their respective speakers delivered the content efficiently, with relevant expertise, clearly and easy to understand. They also agreed that the workshop enabled them to increase their knowledge and English language skills. Overall, the workshop ended with a pleasant note, where the participants voiced that they benefited greatly from the workshop experience.

