

Coffee and Tea with APB Seremban

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In keeping with its mission to enhance language scholarship and excellence, The Academy of Language Studies, Seremban campus organized a 3 series webinar which was held on the 21st January, 28th January and 4th February, 2022 respectively. The purpose of these webinars was to showcase The Academy of Language Skills by introducing the services offered and the skills and expertise available. Besides that, these webinars were also to highlight the third languages that are offered such as the Arabic and Mandarin languages. These webinars were also carried out to expose the academic and administrative staff of UITMNS, Seremban Campus staff, to the correct pronunciation and usage of words in the English Language, Arabic and Mandarin languages. The focus was on the commonly mispronounced and misused words and phrases in daily conversations and conversely, to increase the understanding of different cultures among Malaysians.

Announced as “Coffee and Tea with APB Seremban”, this is the first time APB has conducted a series of ‘chill out and chit-chat’ webinars. These webinars were conducted in an informal roundtable chit-chat fashion, rather than the usual serious academic-like seminar, featuring a panel of speakers comprising lecturers from APB Seremban, who shared and exchanged their expertise, experiences

and knowledge. The Opening ceremony was officiated by the Head of Academy of Language Studies, Associate Professor Zainon Ismail.

Each webinar was carried out over a duration of two hours, covering various topics such as Malaysian English, vocabulary and phrases related to travel, food, social media and abbreviated language in SMS (short message service). The participants of the webinars were also shown how to analyze the lyrics of English songs and were exposed to errors commonly found on signages and notices. In addition, they also learnt how to greet, order food or utter short exchanges and phrases in the Mandarin and Arabic languages.



Poster of Webinar 1



Poster of Webinar 2



Poster of Webinar 3

The turnout for all three webinars was good and encouraging. The webinars were attended by not only participants from the APB Seremban campus but also from other faculties including the Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics (FSKM), Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation (FSR), Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies (FSPPP) and also non-academic staff members. Feedback from participants was positive and encouraging and there were also requests for more such sessions from non-APB staff, academic and non-academic staff.

The Academy of Language Studies is pleased to offer its services to the campus members, through the Coordinator. Please feel free to contact Encik Mohd Ikram Mohd Nor Rizan.

A quiz based on the information shared from Webinars 1 to 3 was administered for all webinar participants (non APB staff) at the end of Webinar 3, and winners were awarded a free 3-month subscription of Reader's Digest. All participants were also awarded e-certificates as well as training hours. The Closing ceremony was officiated by the Coordinator of the Academy of Language Studies, Seremban, Encik Mohd Ikram Mohd Nor Rizan.