



Award for Innovative Excellence:

Dean wins Gold Medal at INPEX 2016

Nabila Abdul Malek

7 - 9 June 2016. Heartfelt congratulations to Associate Professor Dr. Muhammad Nubli Abdul Wahab for his remarkable achievement at the Invention and New Product Exposition (INPEX) 2016, held at the Monroeville Convention Center, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, the USA. INPEX is America's largest invention show and for year 2016, it has featured a total of 357 inventions from 21 countries. From the many inventions, the Dean was awarded a gold medal in Education Category for his innovative invention entitled 'Bio Transform'. This project used Biofeedback techniques and protocols to help students with behavioural problems to improve their behaviour, thus resulting in better academic performance. His invention was indeed fruitful as it captured the heart of the juries. It is hoped that this success would inspire others to go the extra miles for a greater achievement in years to come.

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From the Dean

Assalamualaikum and greetings,

Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah for His blessings and allowing ILHAM to be issued for the fifteenth time. Million thanks to the editorial team for their continuous support that has made this issue possible.

First and foremost, I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations to the associates for their massive contributions in the first half of 2016. The cooperation received from all has succeeded in glorifying the service provided by our centre, ensuring the sustenance of UMP. It is hoped that we will stride forward and put more effort in achieving greater missions reaching the year end. The enthusiasm portrayed will be well perceived as the contender in attaining academic achievement, human development and nation building.

The Eleventh Malaysia Plan, 2016-2020 highlights the agenda of producing human capital that is equipped with the right knowledge, skills, and attitudes to succeed in a globalised economy. Being in the academic setting, we are compelled to mould learners during their studies for their future as they are the asset of our country. I also believe that 2016 should witness our greater attempt and effort in inculcating technology to assist the process of developing human capital. Thus, I would like to encourage all CMLHS associates to further explore how technology advancement can help us in producing skilled talent.

Lastly, I hope that everyone has the aim to move forward for the years to come. Let CLMHS stand out and we will achieve glory as one big team.

Thank you.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nubli Abdul Wahab



From the Editor-in-Chief

Assalam and good day fellow associates,

This is my very first time leading a bunch of wonderful ladies in making the fifteenth edition of ILHAM a real success. Though there were some hiccups in the beginnings I really treasure the endless determination shown by the team to ensure it can be done till the end. This truly has inspired me to be more supportive and understanding of the plight having to juggle with other commitments.

The beginning of 2016 has brought us to another working ambiance as our centre fully operates in UMP Pekan Campus. This transition in which all associates is experiencing has somehow transfixed into the journey from Kuantan to Pekan. We should dare ourselves to rise for the new challenge as it will teach us to be more grateful for what we have in our life.

Nur syafawati Sabuan

Emails to the Editors

If you have comments or suggestions for the next issue, do send them to any members of ILHAM editorial board. We look forward to hear from the readers.

Never a dull moment

Wan Jumani Fauzi & Nursyaheedah Muhammad Isa

8-10 Jan & 4-6 March 2016 – There was never a dull moment during the Knowledge Transfer Programme (KTP) organised by the Centre for Modern Languages and Human Sciences of Universiti Malaysia Pahang. The programme, which is best known as KTP KINDY, is led by Dr. Noor Raha Mohd Radzuan. Mentored by Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr. Aminah Ayob from Universiti Perguruan Sultan Idris (UPSI), KTP KINDY aims at promoting closer partnership between academia and industry or community through the exchange of intellectual property, expertise, learning and skills. KTP KINDY is divided into two core modules; the Communication English for Daycare Providers module and Effective Storytelling Techniques in English module. The 30 members of Persatuan Pengasuh Negeri Pahang (PPNP) were enticed by the fast-paced activities such as 'Explorace', role-plays, simulations, and group presentations. It is hoped that the participants left the programme with invaluable knowledge to be shared for the betterment of the community.



Reading Circle Program (RCP) 2016

Nursyaheedah Muhammad Isa & Siti Ainun Jariyah Hassan

23 March & 27 April 2016 – “A desire to read should be ignited in students as they are the future leaders and leaders must possess creative thinking which can be nurtured through reading” said the CMLHS Deputy Dean of Research and Innovation, Dr. Hafizoah Kassim, in her opening speech for Reading Circle Program (RCP), Gambang. The event, which was attended by a total of 793 participants in both Pekan and Gambang aimed at nurturing a fine reading culture among UMP students. RCP adopts an interactive instruction methodology as it relies on discussion and knowledge sharing among participants. It is hoped that RCP has sparked interest in independent reading among the students which lays the foundation for becoming enthusiastic lifelong readers.



CMLHS Staff Appreciation Night 2015

Nursyaheedah Muhammad Isa

25 May 2016 – Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS) has successfully organised its Staff Appreciation Night at Sempurna Resort, Kuantan. The event was officiated by Associate Professor Dr. Muhammad Nubli Abd Wahab, the Dean of CMLHS. The annual event was held to honour, dedicate and recognise the excellent services of the CMLHS staffs throughout 2015. They were awarded certificates of appreciation and prizes for their respective contributions. The categories for excellent staff award include publication, research, teaching and learning, community services and best athlete of CMLHS. This year, CMLHS also celebrated their staffs who have completed their Masters and Doctoral studies. The fun-filled event ended with a photography session involving all CMLHS associates.



We Intervene Because We Care

Nurkarimah Yusof & Jamilah Bebe Mohamad

16 April 2016 – In support with the National Education Blueprint of LINUS (The Literacy and Numeracy Screening), LINUS Intervention Programme Series 1 was successfully conducted at SK Air Putih, Kuantan by five language instructors who were assisted by 15 voluntary UMP students. The half-day community service programme aimed to aid 80 pupils from the school who faced some difficulties in language learning specifically in acquiring basic literacy skills in English. The pupils were engaged in many interactive activities such as phoneme segmentation and sound blending games. This first series ended on a high note as the pupils were able to improve through the programme.



Spanish is Fun “Salud!”

Rosnani Ismail & Wong Qing Hsian

20 March 2016 – Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS) in collaboration with Espansia Club succeeded in organizing an exciting Spanish Day. The culture-based education programme managed to include language, routines and cultural elements in their fun-filled activities for the UMP undergraduates to experience. Together with the support from two very important people to the club, Azlina Mohd Ariffin and Dr. Jamal Rizal Bin Razali, the Foreign Languages Head of Department, the event went smoothly to the very end. It began with an entertaining show presented by U-Max and Vocal Intensity, followed with a mock battle, bull dance and samba dance. Aside from that, a cooking demonstration of Spanish food as well as an exhibition made the event even merrier. Keep it up!



International Malay Language Oratory, the Prime Minister's Cup

Rosnani Ismail

26 March 2016 – An International student of University Malaysia Pahang (UMP), Anas Mohamad Husain Kassim, 26, from Iraq boasts up UMP's name when he won third place in the International Malay Language Oratory Contest, Prime Minister's Cup in 2016. The opening was officiated by the Prime Minister himself, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Abdul Razak at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC). For the finals, Anas chose the title 'World Peace' as reminiscence of his country which has been turbulent, affecting the peace of his country since 2004. At the end of his speech, he hopes that Iraq will return to be a safer land where children can play freely and everyone can come to an agreement. "Thanks to UMP, which gave me this opportunity as well as Siti Muslihah Isnain, the language teacher and friends who have always supported me which lead me to this success" he said. Congratulations!



MLCC and Mandarin Language: Come to Know Us Better!

Kang Mei Feng & Rosnani Ismail

7 - 8 February 2016 – Realizing the importance of Mandarin as one of the most-spoken world languages, Mandarin Language and Culture Centre (MLCC) took the opportunity to open a booth at Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Open Day Exhibition 2016 at the Sport Complex. MLCC aimed to expose the need of acquiring the language as a foreign language, promote the Mandarin courses offered as well as bring forward Chinese art and cultures. Chinese Tea, Chinese Paper Cutting and Traditional Chinese Costumes were among the highlights during the exhibition. Two activities were conducted by the MLCC volunteer teachers from China during the exhibition; a Chinese Tea Brewing Demonstration and the Art of Paper Cutting and AngPao Decoration. Students of all races were indeed attracted to join all the activities and had such fun doing them. It definitely was an exciting and memorable day for everyone!

Mandarin Speaking Contest

Kang Mei Feng & Rosnani Ismail

23 March 2016 – Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS) in collaboration with Mandarin Language and Culture Centre (MLCC) and Mandarin Language Society (MLS) organized a Mandarin Speaking Contest at the Mini Theatre, UMP Gambang Campus. This competition was a platform in preparing participants for the Chinese Bridge Competition. A total of 47 non-Chinese students registered for the competition, and towards the end, most of them were inspired to use Mandarin language and explained that the contest has enhanced their speaking skills. They were given two minutes to deliver their speech on the title "My Views on China". The contest was judged by six esteemed panels and experts. The first prize was won by Sayyidatina Al Hurul Aina Alzahari, a third-year UMP student. She expressed her sincerest gratitude to the Mandarin lecturers and said that the contest was interesting and has benefitted the students in many ways. Well done!



Launching of the Mandarin Corner

Kang Mei Feng & Hanisah Kasbon

27 April 2016 – A Mandarin Corner was officially launched by Associate Prof Dr Muhammad Nubli Abd Wahab, Dean of the Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS) in Universiti Malaysia Pahang's (UMP) Library, Pekan campus. The event was a joint-effort by the Centre, Mandarin Language & Culture Centre (MLCC), UMP Library and Mandarin Language Society (MLS). This fun and free corner received a grand sponsorship of 100 Mandarin Books and DVDs from Kong Zi Institute of Malaysia and also sets of calligraphy stationaries from Hor Chin Sim, Master Calligraphy of Malaysia. It is hoped that our students will take this as an opportunity to enhance their reading and writing skills by utilizing the materials available at the corner.



Chinese Bridge Competition 2016

Yong Ying Mei & Hanisah Kasbon

7 May 2016 – The Chinese Bridge Competition or the world's Chinese Proficiency Contest for Malaysia Region 2016 was held at the Kong Zi Institute, Universiti Malaya. This annual event was sponsored and coordinated by Headquarters of Confucius Institute, China. UMP was represented by seven multiracial students who competed in a series of tests including public speech, Q&A session and Chinese art talent show. The hallmark of the competition was the speech on "China in My Eyes" by all participants, which had to be delivered in accurate and fluent Mandarin. Congratulations to Tharushini A/P Thiagarajan on winning the "Excellent Award" and to all Mandarin teachers for their endless effort in training and preparing the UMP participants for this competition.



Smart Partnership Mandarin Learning Programme

Kang Mei Feng & Hanisah Kasbon

11 May 2016 – A half-day program on Smart Partnership on Mandarin Learning was successfully conducted by Mandarin Language Culture Centre (MLCC) and Foreign Languages Department of CMLHS. The event was held at Tun Teja Hall, UMP Gambang involving 30 undergraduates enrolled in the Mandarin course and 30 primary school pupils of SJKC Kong Min. The purpose of the program was to motivate the pupils in their language learning endeavor and to create a Mandarin-speaking environment for UMP undergraduates. The event was assisted by CMLHS Mandarin associates and UMP students during the language game activities. Through this learning session, the participants were able to engage in fun and interactive Mandarin language learning activities.

CMLHS Appreciation Ceremony 2015



*Best Teaching And Learning
(DS Scheme) Award*
Azwin Arif Abdul Rahim



Research Award
Noor Raha Radzuan



Consultation Award
Noor Azlinda Abidin



*Journal Publication
Award*
Zuraina Ali



*Newspaper Publication
Award*
Hasnah Hussiin



Dean's Special Award
Imaddudin Abidin



*Head of Modern
Language Department's
Special Award (DS)*
Nik Aloesnita Nik Mohd Alwi



*Head of Modern Language
Department's Special Award (DG)*
Mohd Shafeirul Zaman Abd Majid



*Head of Human Sciences
Department's Special Award*
Mohamad Hilmi Mat Said



*Head of Foreign Language
Department's Special Award*
Mardhiyyah Zamani



Administration Staff Award
Norazalila Mat Salleh



Technical Staff Award
Hafis Hafifi Karim



Best Male Athlete Award
Nazirul Mubin Muhammad



Best Female Athlete Award
Najjahul Huda Hassan



*Graduated Staff Appreciation
Masters*
Sharifah Intan Safina Syed Zubir



*Graduated Staff Appreciation
Masters*
Siti Ainun Jariyah Hassan



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Masters*
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PhD*
Chiam Kee Swan



*Graduated Staff Appreciation
PhD*
Jamal Rizal Razali



*University Academy
Award (AAU) 2015*
Yong Ying Mei
(Teaching Excellence Award)



*University Academy
Award (AAU) 2015*
Mohd Shafeirul Zaman Abd Majid
(Innovation Award)



Seize The Moment



All smiles for the camera! #RCPGambang2016



If you can dream it, you can achieve it! #Determination



There is no substitute for hard work! #Ganbatte!



"Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light" - Vera Nazarian #RCPGambang2016



"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality."
- Warren Bennis #LeadingByExample



"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller #teamworkatitsbest!



"A laugh is a smile that bursts"
- Mary H. Waldrup #SmilefortheCameraladies!



There is no substitute for #hardwork
- Thomas A. Edison



"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way"
- John C. Maxwell



"Great leaders inspire greatness in others"
- Anonymous #soaringupwards



#Goodfriends are like stars



#Smile! It's contagious!



A little magic can take you a long way - Roald Dahl #Peace y'all!



Surround yourself with those who make you #happy



"We don't remember days, we remember moments - Anonymous



The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world! #mothersrock!



We are on a seafood diet, we see food and we eat it! #foodgalore



PEC: Sprinting from the starting block

Hamizah Zahari

4-5 January 2016 – A new English language program tailored specifically to the needs of international postgraduate students has been introduced. Pre-sessional English Course (PEC) aims to boost the enrolment of international postgraduate students to UMP by providing them with basic English course. A two-day intensive workshop was held in UMP to develop the framework and content of the course. This workshop was led by the CMLHS PEC Unit Coordinator, Dr. Najah Osman and participants were grouped according to the language components; Reading, Writing, Grammar, Speaking and Listening. A number of 28 language instructors have lent their expertise and judgment to successfully brainstorm the teaching and learning modules according to three levels; Proficiency, Academic and Enhancement. It is hoped that PEC will open new doors to more opportunities and raise UMP to greater heights.



PIE: Catching Momentum

Nor Suhardiliana Sahar & Hamizah Zahari

3-4 February 2016 – In the heart of Kuantan city, 26 language instructors and module developers teamed up at the Zenith Hotel for a two-day workshop. In addition to reviewing and improving the course content, the workshop is geared to be the platform in sharing best practices in class. Participants exchanged methods, ideas and approaches deemed fit to cater the students' vast cultural backgrounds and language needs. A fruitful discussion through and through as participants were highly motivated at the end of the day. Nor Suhardiliana Sahar, CMLHS PIE Unit Coordinator commented "The workshop is just what they need, like a breath of fresh air!"

Fun English Communication Course (FECC) 2016

Nurkarimah Yusof, Hanisah Bon (Kasbon) & Hamizah Zahari

1-11 March 2016 – In lieu of the traditional often stoical approach to language learning, CMLHS chose the total opposite, in catering a group of enthusiastic Yamaguchi University undergraduates. Fun English Communication Course (FECC) is an interactive, engaging course mapped with fun language activities - charades, tongue twisters, as well as writing 'A Diary a Day' and 'Postcard to My Dear Friend' to name a few. The two-week course, creatively embedded cultural and traditional elements in the sessions. The course made full use of our state of the art multimedia language laboratories in CMLHS Gambang Campus. By the end of the course, the students' confidence in effective communication has amplified and it has also sparked more interest in learning the rich Malaysian heritage.

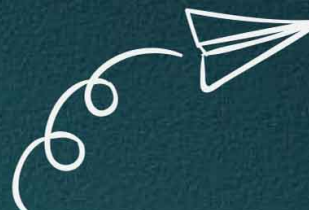


MUET 101 Workshop: To tower in hours

Azimah Ahmad Zaki & Hamizah Zahari

31 May 2016 – The CMLHS MUET Unit is constantly on the ready when it comes down to preparing candidates for the University Entrance Test. Led by the Unit Coordinator, Azimah Ahmad Zaki, the MUET 101 Workshop invited a renowned MUET expert from KUIPSAS, Shafinas Sharifudin to introduce the basic necessities for sailing through the MUET examination such as tips, strategies, test specifications, formats, marks and evaluation procedures and to discuss all four MUET components in detail. The workshop was opened to all UMP Semester 0 students and was conducted at the Astaka Hall. Judging by the positive feedback from the overwhelming number of crowd, the event has reached its objectives, hence paving the route for candidates to steer to excellent results.

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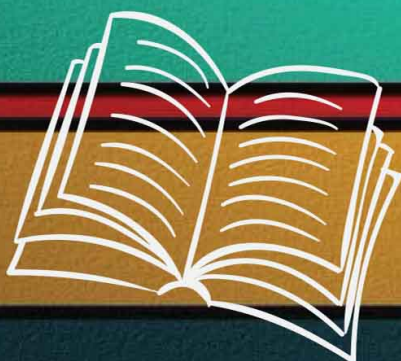
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RESEARCH AWARDS

JANUARY - JUNE 2016

NO.	RESEARCHERS	TITLE	EXHIBITION	AWARD
1.	Associate Professor Dr. Muhammad Nubli Abdul Wahab	BioTransform	Invention & New Product Exposition (INPEX) 2016	GOLD
2.	Dr. Zilal Saari	Model Garis Panduan Penyusunan Anak Angkat Menurut Perspektif Fiqh dan Sains	Innovative Practices in Education and Industry Exhibition (I-PEINX) 2016	GOLD
3.	Profesor Madya Dr. Ainol Haryati Ibrahim, Dr. Zailin Shah Yusoff, Dr. Nik Aloesnita Nik Mohd Alwi, Dr. Hafizoah Kassim	A Task-based Public Speaking Model in a Blended-learning Environment	Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE) 2016	SILVER
4.	Mohd Shafeirul Zaman Abd Majid, Azwin Arif Abd Rahim, Wan Azlee Wan Abdullah, Farah Liyana Ahmad Azmey, Zetti Adela Zolkepli, Razmi Ab Rahman	Mobile Technical English Module (MoTEM)	International Invention, Innovation and Technology Exhibition (ITEX) 2016	SILVER
5.	Dr. Noor Raha Mohd Radzuan, Zarina Mohd Ali, Abdullah Adnan Mohamed, Nurkarimah Yusof	Potential Use of Mobile Instant Messaging (MIM) Application as an Innovation in Students' Group Communication for Language Learning Purposes: A Rasch Measurement Analysis from the Perspective of Diffusion of Innovation	Innovative Practices in Education and Industry Exhibition (I-PEINX) 2016	BRONZE
6.	Dr. Rashidi Abbas, Associate Professor Dr. Muhammad Nubli Abd Wahab, Dr. Jamal Rizal Razali	KIT Super-M	International Invention, Innovation and Technology Exhibition (ITEX) 2016	BRONZE

EXCELLENT SERVICE AWARDS 2015



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Dr Jamal Rizal Razali



Dr Mahyuddin Ismail



Dr Noor Raha
Mohd Radzuan



Dr Zailin Shah Yusoff



Imaduddin Abidin



Mohd Edeazry Bin Hamzah



Mohd Iszuani
Mohd Hassan



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Siti Ainun Jariyah
Hassan



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Department of Soft Skills

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KAPTEN IMADUDIN ABIDIN
(AHLI AHMAD SHAH PAHANG)





UBeD Team 2016

HAPPY WORKERS ARE PRODUCTIVE WORKERS

Happy Workers are Productive Workers

Recent study found that productivity increases when workers are happy.

This is very much related to job satisfaction. Job satisfaction is the most important attitude studied in organizational behavior and given concern in the real world.

What is meant by job satisfaction?

The definition of job satisfaction can differ from one worker to another in an organization. However, we can put it as the level of contentment workers feel regarding their job.

There are five factors which influence job satisfaction:

1. **The work** - The extent to which the job provides the individual with interesting tasks, opportunities for learning, and the chances to accept responsibility.
2. **Pay** - The amount of financial remuneration that is received and the degree to which this is viewed as equitable that of others in the organization.
3. **Promotion opportunities** - The chances for advancement in the organization.
4. **Supervision** - The abilities of the supervisor to provide technical assistance and behavioral support.
5. **Co-workers** - The degree to which fellow workers are technically proficient and socially supportive.

That being said, if an organization want to be successful, the best thing they can do is to invest on the happiness quotient of its workers. Generally, organizations are more successful when they have happier workers because happy workers tend to stay, making the organization more resilient.

Nabila Abdul Malek