

Impressive crowd @ CMLHS booth

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Marziah Ramli & Sarah Zulkiple

5 Oct 2009. Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS) was honoured with an official visit by the Deputy Minister II of the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah during the Academic Carnival 2009. Accompanying YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah on his visit were the Vice Chancellor, YH Professor Dato' Dr Daing Mohd Nasir Ibrahim, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & Internationalization) YH Professor Dato' Dr Sabarudin Mohd and the Dean, Professor Dr Abd Jalil Borham. YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah was given a warm welcome by CMLHS associates as he joined the impressive crowd at CMLHS main gallery, their "Short Video Competition" booth and the "Innovative Invention Exhibition" booth. During his visit, YB Dato' Saifuddin showed keen interest with the short videos prepared by the contestants and the innovative inventions demonstrated by groups of UMP students. It was also a great honour for CMLHS staff and the participants as YB Dato' Saifuddin was pleased to receive a copy of compilation of the short videos.

The one week education promotional event kicked off with UMP motto, "Engineering, Technology & Creativity" on September 28 and ended on October 4, 2009. This carnival was the first of its kind to be held in UMP where activities were clustered into three categories: academic, career and internationalisation.

This annual event served as a platform to highlight and introduce programmes of study and courses offered at UMP and boost career opportunities for UMP undergraduates who would later join the workforce. It also aimed to establish good rapport and foster ties between UMP community and the society.

Organised by Department of Academic Affairs and Internalisation (JHEAA), the successful event was supported by the Department of Student Affairs and Alumni (JHEPA), Centre for Graduate Studies (PPS), International Office (IO), faculties and academic centres at UMP including CMLHS.

Apart from the competitions, CMLHS also organized programmes like Grooming for Interview Workshop, Walk-in Interview, From Campus to Corporate Workshop and CMLHS Lab Open Day. CMLHS is looking forward to show case the current students' projects and creative talent in the forth coming 2010 Academic Carnival.



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Upon my words

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ and greetings

Terminability or terminableness is not in our dictionary, especially when it connotes disseminating knowledge and information. Nevertheless, there is much to say when obligations compel more than what are labeled to be necessary. ILHAM is our pride, but not less the toil we enjoy doing all this while. Putting it behind (not as it being stored in the backyard) means that whatever precedence had commanded more of us that the pursuit for this 5th edition of ILHAM (2009), in a word, worth the interval.

2009 has become a platform for CMLHS to revolve. The move has called for us to reunite and work together because we now have a new aim: The forming of a new faculty. That's right and we are doing well. The progress is highlighted in this issue, together with other remarkable achievements – 5S, academic matters, researches, trainings and not to mention international collaborations and publications.

2009 also has seen the change in management and some plans of actions, all for the betterment of the centre. We congratulate both the newcomers and the erstwhile respectively.

ILHAM's 5th edition commemorates 2009 with news from mid of the year to the latest that we can cover. It comprises new columns and columnist that are dedicated to convey the actual actions that took place. There are so much to disseminate but still it doesn't miss to include the sweat and tears, fun and laughter bundled up in each edition.

Editor-in-Chief

Letters to ILHAM Editors

If you have any comments or suggestions about the content of this issue or any contribution that you wish to send to the coming sixth issue, please email them to any of the editors.

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Thank you.

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Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah SWT for His blessings that ILHAM is issued for the fifth time. Heartiest congratulation is extended to each and every member of the ILHAM team for materialising this bulletin. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish 'A Happy New Year 2010' and 'A Happy Maal Hijrah 1431', may your New Year resolutions become reality.

2009 has witnessed a lot of remarkable achievements. Apart from being excellent at our basic jobs, CMLHS associates have shown enormous potential in other aspects of the 7Ps. This is proven from the numerous numbers of articles, books, research papers, profitable training, and research awards won either nationally or internationally. I believed that these exemplary achievements will encourage other CMLHS associates to pursue such success.

Tracing back at all the triumphant achieved by CMLHS, the centre is now facing its toughest yet glorious moment in structuring and operating its very own new faculty which will take effect tentatively in mid 2010. This much awaited new faculty is offering outstanding programmes that are structured to fulfill the recent job market.

Therefore, once again, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage CMLHS family members to strengthen and plan their career and contributions to the society based on the five institutional pillars: governance, leadership, academia, teaching and learning, and research and development. A balance in all these aspects are necessary in performing their daily tasks and to ensure success in the task performed.

"Success depends on what you do with you."

Thank you

From The Dean
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَكَرَامَاتُهُ and greetings



We are **Numero Uno** in

Munira Abd Razak & Faizatul Nadia Mohd Amran



14 Dec 2009.

CMLHS Administration office is now 5S certified. The centre has received the recognition along with five other offices and centres in UMP namely Vice Chancellor's Office, the Registrar, Internal Audit Unit, Department of Academic & International Affairs and Centre for Corporate Development and Quality Management. The centre was audited six times by the Malaysian Productivity Council (MPC) throughout 2009. What is more encouraging, CMLHS scored top notch throughout the visits and has become the benchmark to other centres, departments and offices in UMP. Upholding the honour, CMLHS is proud to exhibit its achievement and has received several visits from Jabatan Pendaftaran Negeri Pahang (National Registration Department State of Pahang), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), Institut Latihan Perindustrian Pekan Pahang (ILP). Bravo to all the people involved and keep up the good work



"One has to remember that every failure can be a stepping stone to something better."

- Col. Harland Sanders (1890 - 1980) -

11-16 Oct 2009. The new CMLHS management team recently set off on a working trip to China to visit the School of Foreign Languages of South Central University for Nationalities (SCUN), Wuhan. Leading the delegation was the newly appointed Dean of CMLHS, Prof. Dr. Abd. Jalil bin Borham, accompanied by the Deputy Dean of Academic Affairs, Munira Abdul Razak, Wan Jumani Fauzi, the Head of Department of Modern Languages and Mohd. Iszuani Mohd Hassan, the Head of Department of Foreign Languages.

The visit aims were to foster continuous good relationship between UMP and SCUN, as well as to share ideas and information to gain an insight on the possibilities of similar programmes offered by both universities. The delegates looked into the teaching and learning practised by SCUN as a benchmark to review courses offered by the centre.

CMLHS associates received a warm welcome from Prof. Dr. Ruan Zhijian, Director of International Relations and Zhang Lifang, an officer from the International Relations Office. Following an enlightening discussion with academicians from the School of Foreign Languages namely Ding Xia Shang, Simon Lee, and Fanny Li, the UMP representatives were later brought to observe a class in session. A discussion with Prof. Dr. Ha Chen Li, Prof. Dr. Lee An Hui, Prof. Khong Lee Hui and Prof. Chang Cheng, School of Ethnology and Sociology, was carried out pertaining to possible research collaborations as well as staff exchange. In transit to Wuhan, the delegates managed to make a brief but fruitful visit to the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences of Tsinghua University, Beijing.

The visit was a great success and the delegates felt very welcomed by the warmth and hospitality of the host university. It is hoped that the next UMP students cultural visit to SCUN in December would have an equally memorable and rewarding experience.



Establishing Rapport: A visit to China

*Wan Jumani
Fauzi*



2-3 Nov 2009. A group of CMLHS associates gathered at Bukit Gambang Resort, Gambang Kuantan to discuss details and come up with documentation for a presentation before a group of expert panelists in a workshop held at the Grand Seasons Hotel, Kuala Lumpur on 6 to 8 November 2009. The panelists were from various backgrounds; government and non-governmental bodies alike. The feedback received from the panel was very promising; which resulted in successful completion of the first draft of the working paper checked and verified by Dr. Zarida Hambali, the Director of Academic Development Management Division of Higher Education Department on 19 November 2009, who was also very positive in her remarks. As we usher into 2010, it is hoped the dream of each and every associate to materialise CMLHS's vision from an academic service centre into a full fledged faculty, delivering its own programmes of study at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, will soon come true. Even a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

Towards a NEW FACULTY MATERIALISING THE MOVE

Ezihaslinda Ngah

26 Oct 2009. Having an excellent publication team is indeed a bonus factor in directing CMLHS towards the expansion of knowledge through publication. Realising the fact, the Publication Unit of Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS), headed by Asar Abdul Karim, organized a Writing Workshop for academic staff. The course was facilitated by Fauzul Na'im Ishak from Book Pro Publishing Services, one of the established training and consultancy companies in book publishing. The aims were to encourage academia to write on potential areas of expertise and to enhance the quality of the book published. Having vast experience in publishing services, he was willing to share his expertise and experiences in dealing with publication and book publishers. The participants had a productive opportunity to listen to his explicit explanations on effective ways and strategies in writing books, copyright issues, creative thinking in writing, the KJ Method, marketing strategies and the motivation that academicians should possess to be successful writers. The workshop was honoured by the attendance of the Dean himself, Prof Dr Abd Jalil Borham, throughout the one-day session.

Writing For Purpose

*Ahmad Fazullah
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MGS Cluster School :Expanding Expertise

Wan Jumani Fauzi

14 Nov 2009. The last phase of Methodist Girls School Cluster School programme, which consists of two short courses namely, Professional Development for Teachers and English Communication, took place for 8 hours. The trainers involved for the former were Nor Ashikin Abdul Aziz and Balan Kunjambu, as well as Azwin Arif Abdul Rahim, Suriya Kumar Sinnadurai, Noor Azlan Ratin and Nur Syafawati Sabuan for the latter. In this phase, the participants were introduced to the concept of mind mapping in addition to other teaching and learning strategies introduced earlier such as blogging, board games and vocabulary games to teach English and other subjects. It was a successful programme which is highly recommended to other institutions of learning and we look forward to further fruitful collaborations with MGS.

23 Nov 2009. Communication English at the Workplace was a two-day course. The target participants for this course were the Non Academic Staff of UMP. Altogether there were 10 groups each comprising 20 participants per session. The objective of the course is to use English extensively especially the front runners of UMP. This is in view of the fact that the university is looking at getting more international students to study here and the increasing number of expatriates who have become our teaching staff.

The content of the course includes Five Star Quality Customer Service, Receiving and Making Telephone Calls, Taking Down Messages, Making Reservations and the Everyday Use of English. The strategies used were based on confidence building, team building, role play and technical assisted learning materials. The participants had enjoyed the course as it was a reasonable alternate to learn the language for specific functions.

Professional English @Work

Balan Kunjambu



"Language is the dress of thought."

- Samuel Johnson -



CMLHS APPRECIATION NIGHT 2009

A NIGHT TO INSPIRE



Noli Maishara & Mohammad Baihaqi

22 Oct 2009. The first CMLHS gala dinner, CMLHS Appreciation Night 2009, was held at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kuantan. The event aspired to honour and reward all CMLHS staff especially those who had worked diligently throughout the year in promoting and upholding CMLHS towards a greater level in its niche area. The highlight of the event was when the former CMLHS Director, Norashikin Abdul Aziz officially handed over the post, whilst welcoming, the newly appointed CMLHS Dean, Professor Dr. Abdul Jalil Borham. 13 categories were lined up during the occasion and the night had witnessed successful CMLHS staff receiving respective awards, namely 'Best Teaching and Learning' for both lecturers and language teachers, 'Best Researcher', 'Top 5 Best Paper Presentation', 'Best Consultancy', 'Best Quality Management' and 'Best Young Researcher' among others. Kudos to all award winning recipients! May the exemplary achievements become the inspiration to other associates in the coming years.



5 Marks of Distinction

Marziah Ramli

As a part of the effort to inspire research development, for 2009 five medals were won by CMLHS researchers. The Development of Human Chance Module and Biofeedback Remedy Kit to Improve Behavior among Mat Rempit won the silver medal in ITEX 2009 while the Biofeedback: A New Training Technology for Human Operator's Performance presented in Bio Malaysia won the bronze medal. Another two bronze medals were bagged in PECIPTA 2009 for the Pro Sai Kit and Biofeedback Training to Improve Students' Academic Performance and Smart Kit for Operators Performance. Another silver medal brought home was awarded during Seoul International Invention Fair (SIIF) through Smart Kit for Improving Boosting Operator's Performance.

Synopsis of Research Project

BIOFEEDBACK LEARNING KIT FOR OPERATOR'S COGNITIVE PERFORMANCE

To perform effectively in work place, operators require concentration and vigilance — not just occasionally but at all time performing their task. However, impeding or block factors such as stress, boredom, fatigue, and emotional instability inhibit operators' cognitive functions which which is a basis for their low performance. This research has come up with state-of-the-art kit to assist operators to improve cognitive and emotional performance using Biological Feedback (biofeedback) approach. The kit consists of biofeedback protocol, biofeedback device, training module for improving and sustaining operator's optimal physiological functions. The system is a combination of new technology and proven science based on heart rate variability (HRV) analysis. It is useful to boost operators' ability to handle their performance blocks by promoting homeostasis and autonomic nervous system. By using the kit, operators can enhance cognitive and emotional performance that will continue to improve their productivity

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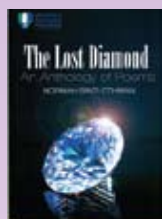
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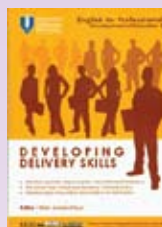
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M U E T Intensive Programmes

Marziah Ramli

3 Oct 2009. Language teachers of CMLHS conducted MUET Intensive Programme to assist and guide candidates of MUET for November 2009 session. All classes for this four week course were held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every weekend throughout the month. The programme commenced with a Speaking Workshop delivered by a guest speaker, Zahiah Zakaria, a MUET speaking and writing examiner since 2005. The session was made compulsory for UMP students who signed up for MUET Intensive Program whilst, other students and staff were also invited.

Malaysian University English Test (MUET) INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES

WHAT IS MUET INTENSIVE PROGRAM?

- MUET Intensive Program offers intensive classes to UMP students and staff.
- It is taught by experienced and dedicated lecturers and language teachers.

WHEN IS MUET INTENSIVE PROGRAM OFFERED?

Two sessions are available: middle of the year as well as end of the year candidates.

THE FEE, YOU ASK?

MUET Intensive Program fee: RM 150

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Intensive English Classes (A minimum of 5 hours per skill: Writing, Reading, Listening, and Speaking)
- Speaking Workshop: An experienced MUET examiner will be invited as a guest speaker
- Writing Workshop: Experienced MUET examiners will be invited as guest speakers
- Personal Consultation (upon students' request. Students have to set an appointment with their respective lecturers)
- MUET Pre-Test and Post-Test

For further information about MUET Intensive Program, contact Centre for Modern Languages and Human Sciences (CMLHS), UMP at 01-644 3111

INVENTIVE Product Exhibition

Wan Jumani Fauzi



19-23 Oct 2009. The first year under graduates assembled at the UMP Sports Complex to showcase their product. The students had put up tremendous effort in preparing their booths to exhibit their Final Semester Project at the Product Exhibition. During the semester, students were grouped and assigned to choose a product preferably related to their field of study to present a technical description of it at the end of the semester. This project had incorporated all the skills and language learnt throughout the semester, namely presentation skills, technical description and process explanation. The objectives of this exhibition is to expose the students as future engineers to get a feel of what it's like in the real world when they are practically asked to present their trademarks.

P I E to be shared

Zailin Shah Yusoff



12 Nov 2009. The Preparatory Intensive Program (PIE) offered by CMLHS is tailored to cater for international students about to embark on their undergraduate study. The six-month programme is conducted prior to the students entering their first-year degree programmes at the university. It is a pre-requisite for international students wanting to pursue their studies here. PIE comprises of three levels in which students' reading, writing, speaking and listening skills are improved through the modules provided, and multimedia teaching and learning facilities used. The students are also taught grammar which would help improve their language proficiency and accuracy. As an added value, self-access activities and Community Excursion Programme (CEP) are also in store for the students. Self-access activities are conducted in our state-of-the-art multimedia laboratories. CEP exposes the students to the cultures and traditions of Malaysian life through trips to places of interest in the country. This year the Cherating Turtle Sanctuary and KLCC are some of the places proposed. Apart from the language components, PIE includes Mathematics and Physics subjects to familiarize the students with the English terms in the subjects. The subjects are taught by lecturers from the Faculty of Industrial Science Technol-

Civilisation Week

Tuan Sidek Tuan Muda

2-10 Oct 2009. More than 1000 students who registered for Islamic and Asian Civilizations course (TITAS) worked hand in hand to ensure the Civilization Week programme was a success. The program was officiated by Assistant Director of Biro Tatanegara (BTN) Pahang, Haslizar Rozalli, who was also guest speaker for the event, delivering a talk entitled '1-Malaysia'. The programme had four activities carried out throughout the week: Dialogue of Civilization and Spiritual Activities, Civilization Exhibitions and Charity Sales, Community Service and Awareness Campaign. Civilization Week was deemed as an effective medium to promote unity, develop towering personality and high self-esteem, all of which are crucial in building a strong nation and great civilization.

10 Oct 2009. A great learning process should go by heart and senses not just by memorising it. With this in mind, a delegation of 40 JanPU club members lead by Syahrina Ahmad, the club advisor, was invited by Amir Zackry, the representative of Berjaya Hills Berhad, for a visit to Japanese Village at Bukit Tinggi. The main objective of the visit was to introduce the Japanese culture. In fact, the visit was the second trip organised by the club so far. Visitors immediately felt they were embracing the Japanese culture the moment they set foot on Japanese Tea House Village and Ryo Zan Tei Bento Restaurant where the landscape was inspired by the famous Japanese architect, Kaio Ariizumi. Apart from that, the delegation had their unforgettable moments as they experienced wearing Yukata, a Japanese traditional costume. It is hoped that such visit can be organised annually to give a first hand experience of Japanese culture here in Malaysia to the club members.

Jan P U @ Bukit Tinggi

Syahrina Ahmad



Crime Free Forum

Husna Hashim

25 Oct 2009. A forum aiming at zero crime rate among UMP undergraduates by Human Sciences Club was conducted at WDKU1. Increasing number of crime cases and deviant behaviours among students are issues that should not be kept mum. Realizing the fact that fairly limited information about criminal offences being disseminated among the younger generation, three prominent speakers, Legal Officer from Pahang Criminal Investigation Department, ASP Zawawi Ibrahim, Director of Islamic Centre of UMP, Dr. Hasan Ahmad, and Vice President of UMP Students' Representative Council, Mohd 'Afif Abdul Aziz, were invited to share their experience and opinions on issues. Three perspectives were highlighted in the forum namely Islam as the way of life, roles of government and higher authorities in law enforcement and those of students, in addressing crime-related issues among university students. A total of over 200 students who attended left the forum satisfied and well informed. It was evident that an interactive session alike has proven to be another effective means to educate students on how to help prevent and stay away from crimes.



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Congratulations



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Officer



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Language Teacher

New Born

Congratulations to these new moms and dads :

Ahmad Fazullah bin Mohd Zainal Abidin
Baby: Ahmad Faied bin Ahmad Fazullah
24 November 2009

Mohd Shafeirul Zaman bin Abdul Majid
Baby: Adam Zuhayr bin Mohd Shafeirul Zaman
27 November 2009

Azwin Arif bin Abdul Rahim & Nor Yazi binti Khamis
Baby: Nafiz Rayyan Arif bin Azwin Arif
1 December 2009



New Members

Welcome

Aisyah Hanum binti Abu Bakar
Language Teacher
(English)



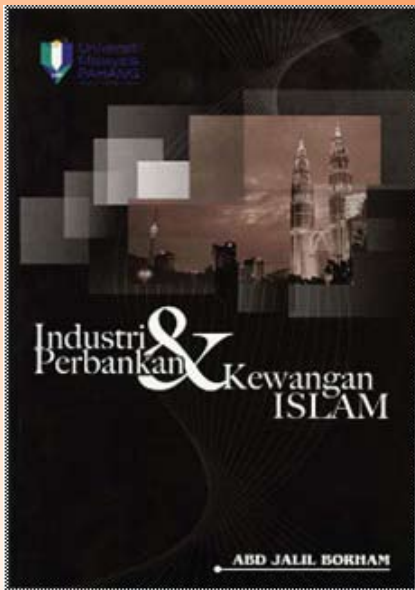
Hairul Nisma binti Wahab
Language Teacher
(Spanish)



Yanti Salina binti Shaari
Language Teacher
(German)



BOOK REVIEW



Industri Perbankan & Kewangan Islam

Industrial Banking & Islamic Finance

by Prof. Dr. Abd Jalil bin Borham

The increased awareness on Islamic finance, specifically on the importance of Islamic rules on transactions, has set a remarkable impact in today's society. Indeed, the integration between the conventional system and Islamic banking and finance is particularly vital, allowing a sophisticated financial system. Thus, imparting the right knowledge on evaluating and managing risk will ease the effort to develop a firm Islamic finance industry.

This book provides a valuable guideline in understanding the realm of banking that comply with Syariah-based criteria. In fact, this is the latest book from the writer to the series of his previous publications, *Sains Mu'amalah Islam di Malaysia* (1999), *Majalah Ahkam Johor: Kod Undang-Undang Sipil Islam Kerajaan Johor Tahun 1913* (2002) and *Majalah Ahkam Johor: Latar Belakang, Pelaksanaan dan Komentari* (2002).

Industri Perbankan & Kewangan Islam illustrates the execution and the transition of the banking system and Islamic finance in Malaysia from its early stage till it becomes global. Indeed, it is an excellent guide is useful for everyone and especially to graduate students in Public Institutions of Higher Learning (IPTA) as it provides a glossary of the Islamic rules on transactions (Fiqh al-Mu'amalah) in Arabic.

What is this?

Ma hazihi? / Ma haza?

مَا هَذَا؟ / مَا هَذِهِ؟

Zhè shì shénme?
这是什么？

Kore wa nan desu ka?

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كَمْ ثَمَنُهَا؟

Duōshǎo qián?
多少钱？

Kore wa ikura desu ka?

これはいくらですか。

¿Cuánto cuesta?

Wie viel kostet das?

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"But if thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought."

- George Orwell -