

# The Most Wanted: IELTS Courses

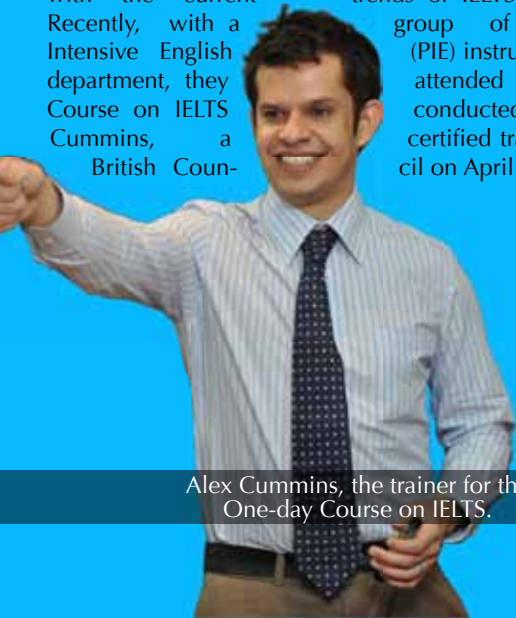
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**28 June 2010.** 'A Course on IELTS' is a popular and one of the most sought after in UMP, especially among academic staff. One of the main objectives of the course is to assist lecturers who intend to sit for IELTS for the purpose of pursuing studies at postgraduate levels or for UMP job confirmation. The course is jointly organised by the Modern Languages Department of CMLHS and the Human Resource Department.

This year, 'A Course on IELTS' was conducted twice, during the semester break. The first training was from 23 to 25 February for 20 participants while the second was from 23 to 25 June 2010 for an unprecedented crowd of 45 participants. They were intensively exposed to the strategies and tips to undertake the exam in all the four components i.e. Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

Feedback from participants was very encouraging as they preferred the hands on aspect of the training as well as the individual attention they received in the writing and speaking components.

The trainers for IELTS, are mostly Human Resource Development Berhad (HRDB) certified trainers from the Modern Languages Department; who regularly update themselves with the current trends of IELTS examination. Recently, with a group of Preparatory Intensive English (PIE) instructors from the department, they attended a One-day Course on IELTS conducted by Alex Cummins, a certified trainer from the British Council on April 16, 2010.



Alex Cummins, the trainer for the One-day Course on IELTS.