

The End of 1PIE Chapter

Zailin Shah Yusoff



Keep it spinning! One of the international students gave a shot with our traditional game, *gasing* during the CEP programme.

21 June 2010. The Preparatory Intensive English (PIE) programme ended on June 18, 2010. The students had undergone twenty weeks of lectures as well as two Community Excursion Programmes. They sat for their final examinations from 14 till 17 of June 2010. Upon receiving their results, successful students embarked on their undergraduate studies. Registration for the new semester was on July 3, 2010.

In the first few months of the programme, the PIE students enjoyed two excursions planned for the programme. First, they went to Kuala Lumpur to visit KLCC and Aquaria. Later, they went to the Kampong Budaya Cherating where they spent a day learning and experiencing Malaysian *kampung* life. They were shown on how to fly a kite, pluck a coconut from the tree and play traditional games. Also, they were introduced to local delicacies such as keropok lekor, noodles, coconut drink and many others. To wind up the day, the students had a chance to dip their feet in the sea surrounding the *kampung*.

In the classes which were all conducted at CMLHS multimedia laboratory, the students were exposed to the use of multimedia, Internet and language software such as Tell Me More. Self-access activities were also scheduled into the programme to allow the students exposure to the virtual environment. This would help them in their undergraduate courses whereby resources and assignments are usually online.

As a whole, the programme ran smoothly with low attrition rate. We hope that the students had a great time learning at our center and with our lecturers. We wish them the best of luck in their future undertakings and will continue to work hard for their future.