

# Learn Mandarin in 28 hours with award-winning book

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Five researchers from UMP including Yong (second from left) celebrating after bagging several awards at the British Invention Show. — Bernama

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**PEKAN:** Can you learn Mandarin in 28 hours?

Yong Ying Mei's book "Mandarin For All", aims to help non-Mandarin speaking students learn the language in that time so they will be able to sit for the Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) test.

Yong, who is the Mandarin Language and Culture Centre director of **Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP)**, said HSK is a Mandarin proficiency test in China.

"The user can use the book and scan a QR Code to instantly get an audio for the pronunciation of words.

"The book meets the requirements of the HSK syllabus and enables students to sit for the examination."

It bagged a gold and Double Gold at the British Invention Show (BIS) at the Barbican Exhibition Centre in London.

Yong plans to launch an e-book version by next year and also aims to get the book published internationally.

"I came up with the book as I wanted non-Mandarin speaking students to pick up the language in a short time.

"I hope this book will help them learn Mandarin which has become an international medium of communication."

The book was among five projects by UMP researchers who won five gold medals, two Double Gold, one Diamond and one Platinum at BIS.

The first two books for two HSK levels cost RM45 each and can be purchased through the ebook@UMP website.