

ICOLLT 2015

Kuantan – Center for Modern Languages and Human Sciences (CMLHS) has organized a conference namely International Conference on Language Learning and Teaching (ICoLLT 2015) on 1 – 3 October 2015 at Swiss Garden Beach Resort, Kuantan, Pahang. This very first international conference attracted participants from Japan, Sri Lanka, India and nearby countries like Philippines, Indonesia and Singapore. ICoLLT 2015 deemed successful since there were about 100 participants and presenters encompassed language teachers, practitioners and researchers from tertiary institutions and schools came together to share their best practices, experiences and latest research findings in language learning and teaching.

The first day of conference commenced at 9.00 am with opening ceremony. The event was officiated by YB Dato' Norol Azali Bin Sulaiman, Chairman of State Health, Human Resources and Special Duties Committee, who representing Menteri Besar Pahang. In conjunction to ICoLLT 2015, a program, which was initiated by CMLHS, Reading Circle Program (RCP) was launched. It is aimed to inculcate deep reading culture among students in universities and schools as well as to encourage knowledge sharing among them. Also present to inaugurate the ceremony were Prof. Dato' Dr. Rosli Bin Mohd Yunus, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International), Assoc. Prof Dr. Muhammad Nubli Abdul Wahab, Dean of CMLHS and Dr. Zuraina Ali, Director of ICoLLT 2015. The conference was then continued with parallel presentation session from 10.45 until 12.15pm. Keynote speech was begun at 12.30pm by Prof. Dr. Maya David Nee Khemlani from Universiti Malaya. The title of her thought-provoking keynote speech was “Challenges in Teaching and Learning English in the 21st century - A Malaysian Perspective”. At 2.00 pm , Dr Musaev Talaibek presented his plenary speech entitled “The Issues of Intercultural Communication in Foreign Language Teaching Process”. After the plenary session, the rest of the afternoon was filled in with parallel session which ended at 5.00pm.

The second day of the conference, started at 9.00 am with an intriguing plenary speech by Prof. Dr. Goh Yeng Seng from Singapore, who delivered a speech focusing on Mandarin language entitled “The Spread of Mandarin as a Global Language and its Effect on International Trade.” The conference proceeded with poster presentation and parallel session until 12.15 pm. At 2.30pm, another plenary speech was delivered by Prof George Robert Maclean from Okinawa University, namely “Using Google Education Suite for Student-Centered Learning and Immediate Feedback”. The parallel session and workshop continued until 5.00pm. The day was ended with a conference dinner for participants and committee members which was held in Hibiscus Hall from 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm.

The final day began with a plenary speech by Prof Dato Dr. Hassan Basri Awang Mat Dahan who presented a topic entitled “Impact of Innovations in Education on Arabic Language Teaching and Learning”. The day was continued with more parallel sessions until 11.45am. The day was ended with closing ceremony and photography session at 12.30pm. The participants and committee were then gathered together for delightful farewell lunch at the Garden Terrace, Swiss Garden. The conference indeed has achieved its objectives and established diverse networking among language teachers and researchers from Malaysia and international regions. It is hoped that this event is a major stepping stone for more conferences in the future.

