

ICoLLT 2018 has wrapped up!

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Held on 25-26 June 2018 in Pekan, Pahang, the 2nd International Conference on Language Learning and Teaching (ICoLLT) hosted by the Centre for Modern Languages and Human Sciences (CMLHS), Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) was a very successful event. Over 100 delegates attended and participated in the two-day conference, which brought together school teachers and academics within the Malaysian universities and some other Asian countries to touch upon the broad theme of this year's conference, "Innovation and Global Challenges in Language Education". The conference was officially opened by Associate Professor Dr Muhamad Nubli Abdul Wahab, the Dean of the CMLHS.

The opening keynote speech by Dr James McLellan addressed topic on towards inclusive partnership in language learning and teaching by illustrating on the experiences in English teaching and learning at several countries include Malaysia, Philippines and Vietnam. Then, chaired by Associate Professor Dr Ainol Hayati Binti Ibrahim, the afternoon plenary session continued with guest speakers: Dr Bala'zs Huszka (UMP) and Dr Khamimi Bin Zainuddin (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia). Dr Huszka began the plenary by referencing some context of 'air' (water) in Indonesian idioms. Afterwards, Dr Khamimi elaborated on the issues of FLOOC – lecture halls without lectures. The following day offered a forum to exchange views and opinions towards addressing challenges in second or foreign language learning among Malaysian students which positively spurred a lot of discussion and refreshing thoughts. In the meantime, the papers presented during the parallel sessions were eye-opening in which the breadth of language teaching and learning seemed very apparent.

In addition, our very first Creative and Innovative Teaching and Learning of Language (CiNTELL) competition was a great hit. Comprising two parts: Exhibition and Knowledge Sharing Session, it was introduced to allow language educators and practitioners including pre-service and in service teachers from schools and higher learning institutions to share their best teaching innovations and practices through an exhibition competition. Knowledge Sharing Session by Puan Nor Fadzleen Binti Sa'don looked at producing engaging 21st century teachers and learners in language learning. Congratulations to all our competition winners and thank you for your participation.

A thank you is also extended to the organizing committee of the Conference comprising Associate Professor Dr. Hasan Bin Ahmad (Chair), Dr Noor Raha Binti Mohd Radzuan, Dr Jamal Rizal Bin Razali, Dr Munira Binti Abdul Razak, and Dr Zuraina Binti Ali, as well as other committee members, session chairs, authors, presenters, paper reviewers and staff of CMLHS. We hope to see you all again next for ICoLLT 2020!

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