

# "> 2022 RECAP. SEE YOU IN 2023!

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2022 finds us opportunities and challenges, yet we committed ourselves to fight a good fight in our lives. At the Centre for Modern Languages (CML), thanks to the dedication, support and passion of all academicians, administrators and the technical team, everything was made possible. 2022 has been a great year, and here are some of the amazing chapters captured through the lens.



#### January – March 2022

2022 started with a bang when a few CML representatives attended the MoU signing ceremony for UMP Yayasan al-Sultan Abdullah (YASA). This MoU established the agreement to coordinate a program between the Akademi Menara Gading (AMG) UMP YASA and SMK Indera Shahbandar, Pekan. CML also managed to organise several events in the first quarter of the year, including a Digital Sharing session on Power Up Microsoft Teams: Basic Course using Microsoft Teams in Teaching & Learning by Mr. Khairul Bahri and Ms. Yanti Salina, and the MUET E-Seminar by Ms. Noor Azlinda, Ms. Noraisah Nurul Fatwa, Ms. Rosnani and Ms. Nor Suhardiliana. We also had a session with Sembang-sembang E-Pembelajaran on developing a Micro-credential course delivered by the Technical Product Presentation Team, led by Ms. Nabila. The university held the Yaasin recitation and "doa selamat" event in celebrating its 20th anniversary and also had the 15th Convocation from 17th to 20th of March at Dewan Jubli Perak Sultan Ahmad Shah, Kuantan.

### April – June 2022

April saw the Muslims welcome Ramadhan wholeheartedly. At UMP, every responsibility centre including CML took turns in preparing daily iftar meals at both UMP Pekan and UMP Paya Besar campuses. It was exciting after a two-year break due to the Covid-19 outbreak. The festive mood continued when UMP organised a huge Eid celebration at the Pekan campus with more than ten booths. A special Eid celebration was held for the frontliners as a special dedication to their hard work during this pandemic. We also had our most awaited event of the year, CML's Eid Celebration, serving fantastic food, particularly the delectable meat grilled just outside of our building. Such good times!

#### July – September 2022

The year continued with the celebration of new graduates for the 16th Convocation from August 6th until August 8th. Earlier, CML had an insightful discussion on the topic Global Classroom: The Way Forward, presented by Dr. Al-Fahim, CIReL's Head of Technical. Despite the busy year, CML managed to organise the Webinar on Language Learning & Teaching (WeLLT) on the central theme 'Practices in the Era of Post COVID-19' with a panel that included Ms. Aisyah Khaleeda, moderated by Ms. Aisyah Hanum, both our colleagues from CML. September was filled with exciting activities as we had our Safety and Occupational Health Week. During that week, CML was occupied with OSH sharing sessions, morning aerobics, safety movement, workplace inspections and a hazard hunt. CML also successfully launched the Engliscape event on September 28, 2022. And can you believe we also survived an internal audit during this time? Yeay, CML!

### **October – December 2022**

Towards the end of the year, we had yet another convocation celebration on Nov 5 until Nov 8. CML also successfully organised the second WeLLT: Webinar on Language Learning & Teaching Practices in the Era of Post COVID-19. The event was moderated by Dr. Abdullah Adnan, featuring panellists Prof. Ts. Dr. Zaidatun, Dr. Azwin Arif, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Harwati. Over the mid-semester break, CML got to unwind by joining the Escape Room Gamification Training on Dec 8. Finally, the year wrapped up with a successful event - the Language and Cultural Carnival jointly organised with the Centre for International Relations. The climax of the carnival was the lucky draw in which the grand prizes included cash prizes, gold rings and a brand-new bicycle.

Additionally, we have added the following series of events to our 2022 planner:

#### **Research Discourse Series**

Mar 03, 2022 Knowledge Contribution in Doctoral Study: What and How by Dr.

Abdullah Adnan Mohamed

Apr 20, 2022 Overcoming Writer's Block by Dr. Wan Jumani Fauzi

- Apr 27, 2022 Validating Online Data by Dr. Ruhil Amal Azmuddin
- May 31, 2022 Postgraduate Publication: What? When? How? by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hafizoah Kassim

Jun 29, 2022 Mechanics of Style: The APA 7th Edition by Ms. Zarina Mohd Ali

- Aug 17, 2022 Literature Review: Synthesis Matrix by Dr. Ezihaslinda Ngah
- Nov 16, 2022 Managing Your Time as a PG Student Some Tips by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zuraina Ali

#### Siri Refleksi Jiwa @ PBM

Mar 04, 2022 Tenang dalam Gelora by Ms. Husna Hashim

Apr 15, 2022 Jiwa Rabbani by Dr. Mohd Suhardi Mat Jusoh

July 22, 2022 Regulasi Emosi Melalui Teknik Terapi Realiti by Dr. Norizan Yusof

Aug 12, 2022 Our Share of the Solution for the Existential Problem by Prof. Dr. Jose Rajan

Aug 26, 2022 Celik Sukan by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Azman Yasin

Sep 09, 2022 Menggamit Memori Al-Mukarramah by Dr. Hj. Tuan Sidek Tuan Muda

Oct 07, 2022 Kerisauan Melampau by Ms. Nur Atiqah Mohd Nor

#### **Guest Speaker Series**

Mar 25, 2022 UHL1432 English for Occupational Communication: Job Hunting Strategies

May 20, 2022 UHL2442 Essential English: Life Below Water: Your Role in Ocean Conservation

Nov 04, 2022 UHL2412 English for Academic Communication: Persuasive Presentation

Nov 11, 2022 UHL2422 English for Technical Communication: Technical Oral

Presentation (TOP) in Industry: Practice & Significance

Dec 14, 2022 UHL2400 Fundamentals of English Language: Mind Your Mind: Calming the Storms Inside

#### External Guest Speaker Series 1/2022:

Mar 31, 2022 Needs Analysis in ESP by Prof. Drs Bambang Widi Pratolo, English Education Department, Universitas Ahmad Dahlan, Indonesia

#### **Global Classroom Initiatives**

UHE3152 Interpersonal Effectiveness by Dr. Ruhil Amal Azmuddin and Ms. Amy Zulaikha Mohd Ali in collaboration with Rolls-Royce PLC, Defence Aerospace, Bristol, UK UHF1141 Arabic for Beginners by Ms. Rosjuliana Hidayu binti Rosli, in collaboration with Abidos Factory, Egypt UHF2141 Arabic for Intermediate by Ms. Mardhiyyah Zamani, Ms. Farah Hanan Aminallah and Mr. Mohammad Baihaqi Hasni in collaboration with GenesisCreation, SAE, Egypt UHF2192 Bahasa Melayu Komunikasi by Ms. Jamilah Bebe binti Mohamad in collaboration with Language Centre, Universiti Brunei Darul Salam UHF2192 Bahasa Melayu Komunikasi by Ms Jamilah Bebe binti Mohamad in collaboration with Wave International, Australia UHF2161 Malay for Intermediate by Ms. Jamilah Bebe binti Mohamad in collaboration with Wave International, Australia UHG2013 German by Ms. Anna Vasylyshyn in collaboration with HAK (Handelsakademie) Amstetten UHL2432 English for Professional Communication by Ms. Hamizah Zahari in collaboration with Sunway RNS Infrastructure Private Limited

#### **Knowledge Sharing Sessions**

Digital Sharing Session by Dr Azwin Arif and Assoc. Prof. Dr Hamdan

Action Research Workshop by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zuraina Ali

The third session by our language teachers, Ms. Jamilah Bebe, Mr. Mohd Shafeirul

Zaman, Mr. Shamsul and Ms. Noraisah Nurul Fatwa

The fourth session was presented by two foreign language teachers, Mr. Khairul

#### **Snippets of the Year**

Congratulations, CML, for your hard work organising delightful events throughout the year. This year was truly memorable for many of us. We received a lot of good news as well. Some of the happy news rounded up this year include:

- The adorable wedding of our Arabic language teacher, Ms. Farah Hanan
- Hamizah's confirmation
- Alia Najaa, Ms. Nur Sabrina Zafiran and Ms. Wan Farah: contract-to-permanent post
- Welcoming new CML members: Ms. Neo Xiu Jie, Dr. Umi Kalsom, Ms. Nur Sabrina Zafiran, Ms. Wan Noor Farah, Ms. Aisyah Khaleeda, Ms. Intan Fitri and Mr. Shahanor Firdaus
- APC Award ceremony for 2020 and 2021 recipients
- Congratulations to the AAU 2021 Winner, Mr. Mohd Shafierul Zaman
- The first CML Micro-credential Course Technical Product Presentation made available at ILMU
- Wan Jumani for getting the FRGS Grant with her research on 'Development of a Process Model for CEFR-informed English Syllabus for Age 4 for Malaysian Preschools'
- Completion of studies: Dr. Ezihaslinda (PhD), Nor Ashikin Sulaiman (MBA) and Ms. Kang Mei Feng (M. Ed)

• Jamilah Bebe for winning the Sayembara research poster competition organised by the Minister of Higher Education

Alas, there were also some days of sad and grim news.

- This year, we bid farewell to a few staff members: Dr. Chiam Kee Swan, Muhammad Helmie, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ainol Haryati, Ms. Normala, Ms. Anna Vasylyshyn & Ms. Intan Fitri Aisyah
- Some CML members contracted COVID-19; hence the PBM Care team kindly sent some care packages to them.

It's been an exciting 2022, with its fair share of ups and downs. With the year ending, let's take a step back to reflect before we welcome the new year with good spirits and many more exciting news! See you next year! (*Yup, we're making that joke. lol*)

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