

## Successful Service with SUKSIS

Saharudin Ramli



The Dean of CMLHS, Professor Dr. Abd Jalil during one of the visits to distribute some donations to the villagers.

**10 May 2010.** Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS), UMP recently spearheaded 100 UMP SUKSIS Corp during an Educational Community Service Programme (Program Khidmat Masyarakat & Pendidikan) at Kampung Tekek, Kampung Paya and Kampung Genting, Pulau Tioman.

The programme which was in conjunction with the voluntary involvement of UMP students in the Sultan Ahmad Shah International Eco-Challenge Programme 2010 (SASTIEC 2010) had lifted strong sense of esprit de corps among the 100 UMP SUKSIS Corp members involved. CMLHS delegation was led by the Dean, Professor Dr. Abd Jalil Borham, CMLHS Assistant Registrar, Saharuddin Ramli, and three other associates, Ahmad Ibrahim, Mohammad Baihaqi Hasni and Mohd Edeazry Hamzah. (Page 3)

Two UMP SUKSIS Corp members displayed strong sense of esprit de corps in cleaning the surrounding areas of Tioman Island.



Apart from academic achievement, excellent undergraduates do not only excel in acquiring good grades, but are also able to contribute towards the community by getting involved in external campus activities.

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## Upon My Words

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته & greetings

I am writing this editorial in the midst of final examination weeks and yet this issue is as usual full of knowledge, inspiration and excellent stories to be shared; therein, welcome to the sixth issue of ILHAM.

Yes, we're still budding with our plan: The forming of four new programmes and faculty establishment. We are serious - we've left no stone unturned; we've sought advice from other faculties, we've set up workshops and talks, we've arranged sessions with experts (BOS) and with synergy, we've ventured courteously on every standard set by KPT, MQA as well as UMP (all that on page 4).

From the beginning of 2010 to June, CMLHS was also showered with requests for community services. Featuring this edition headline, our very own dean, Professor Dr. Abd Jalil Borham, few associates from the centre as well as 100 UMP SUKSI Corp members extended our esprit de corps to enlighten the locals at Tioman Island. We then humbly shared our knowledge and facilities at Permata Camar Orphanage (to set up a reading room), English and motivational programme at SMK Baging as well as during several educational visits. The larger objective was the eternal reward (hopefully) and the feeling of accomplishment towards others especially the younger generations.

As well, we kept our students active with various language camps: English Camp, Mandarin Camp and Japanese and Arabic Camp which I hope you have had the chance to join all the exciting activities and intensive programmes carried out. From the participants, they claimed the camps had provided incredible knowledge and life experience for them to brush up their oral abilities in the targeted foreign languages. To add, it was a wonderful, alternative way to acquire a foreign language. The language activities had enabled the campers to use their knowledge in a constructive manner through art & craft, drama & role playing, games & sports. Through a positive social environment, group interaction and communication were promoted in a safe, fun, challenging and nurturing language environment (see page 9).

We are proud of our achievements (Duel at its Best Deal and Our Champions!) and the directions in every core businesses we are heading. We hope you will continue to follow us on this journey.

Enjoy the issue.

**Editor-in-Chief**



**Letters to ILHAM Editors :**

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# From the Dean

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته & greetings



Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah for his blessings that ILHAM issue has surfaced for the sixth time. I would like to thank and praise the ILHAM team for their conscientious effort in ensuring the continuity of ILHAM publication.

The students enrolled in our university are part of the stake holders. In line with the Higher Education Ministry aspirations, we should always groom these students to be commendable citizens who are not only able to perform excellently with knowledge they have acquired but also adopt highly moral values, adhering to the values of religion and a strong personality built to face the challenges ahead.

2010 began well when CMLHS successfully obtained its 5S Quality Award. This is a good start for CMLHS, which will lead us to achieve a lot more accomplishments in various fields embarked. Apart from that, throughout the first half of 2010, our associates have displayed true dedication, high commitment not only at their core duties but also have shown great potential in other aspects of the 7Ps. These can be demonstrated through a number of researches and publications, training and consultancy, forum and workshops organised.

Simultaneously, CMLHS had also through its units carried out various social and humanities activities internally among UMP's associates and externally with government agencies. Besides, as a responsible member of the community, CMLHS has also adopted a number of community service programs namely CAMAR, an orphanage and a few primary and secondary schools in Pahang. Further, it was a proud moment for us when one of our lecturers was honoured with 'Anugerah Pensyarah Cemerlang' (Excellent Lecturer Award). Well done and congratulations!

Therefore, once again, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage CMLHS members to continue working as a team and together encounter all obstacles towards establishing our own faculty.

You can do it if you believe you can - Napoleon Hill

Thank you.

**(From the cover)** According to the Dean, apart from academic achievement, excellent undergraduates do not only excel in acquiring good grades, but are also able to contribute towards the community by getting involved in external campus activities.

Furthermore, the participants demonstrated their concerns by donating necessities such as food and groceries to ten less fortunate locals. One of the recipients, Mak Siah Mak Wau, 80 years old, was thankful for the donation as it could really ease her family's burden. Nabila Tajul Arus, 15, from SMK Tekek who had participated in the motivational programme conducted expressed her gratitude and stated that such a programme was full of excitement and it also seemed to be her first involvement of that kind.

Several gratifying activities were conducted namely wildlife preservation programmes, environment conservation, disaster aid, avocation of children, women, and the elderly welfare care, as well as Community Counselling. Moreover, the participants also initiated to clean the villages and their surrounding areas of Tioman Island.

In line of 1Malaysia concept, the implementation of such activities can enrich the virtues of Malaysian youth as well as empowering their leadership qualities to equip them with the necessary skills to propel the country in the future. After all, they are the valuable apprentices that will continue the legacy of the nation.



The Dean paid a visit to a bedridden elderly at the nearby village.



The motivational programme at SMK Tekek, Tioman.



An every day view at the Tioman Island.



The SUKSiS Corp members were doing Gotong Royong to clean the Tioman Beach.



# Paving our Path

Ezihaslinda Ngah

**5 June 2010.** Working towards a new faculty while simultaneously planning to offer four new programmes is not an easy path. Since the very first day, everybody seemed to foresee a long and winding road that lies ahead. Nevertheless, enlightened with the belief 'a trouble shared is a trouble halved', every effort was executed particularly towards the completion of the required documents. Led by our visionary Dean, Professor Dr. Abd Jalil Borham and assisted by Deputy Dean of Academic Affairs, Munira Razak, the team is progressing according to the plan.

CMLHS associates have successfully conducted few workshops involving both internal and external experts. The most recent was on CMLHS 2010 Existing Curriculum and New Programmes Workshop which was held at CENFED training room, UMP, from 1st to 3rd of June 2010. The main speaker for the workshop was Deputy Dean of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources, Associate Professor Ir. Adnan Zulkiple, who was also assisted by Deputy Dean of Computer Systems & Software Engineering, Dr. Adzhar Kamaludin and Deputy Dean of Industrial Sciences & Technology, Yusof Hashim, who emphasised on the implementation of OBE. The input gathered from the workshop was pivotal in strengthening the understanding of the ground work involved in offering new programmes and establishing a new faculty.

To date, the team is working on finalising the new teaching templates and also making arrangements to meet the proposed Board of Studies (BOS) which consists of academic experts and industrial expert panels. Upon acquiring BOS' consent, the next stage is UMP Senate Meeting which is to obtain an official endorsement to be brought forward to Ministry of Higher Education for the approval. The progress, despite the hard work and sleepless nights, hitherto has been encouraging. Hence, CMLHS associates hope that this good beginning will lead to a good ending (or better yet, another good new beginning)!



Our associates during CMLHS 2010 Existing Curriculum and New Programmes Workshop.



Our volleyball team players in action.

## Our Champions!

Noor Azlan Ratin & Jamiaah Noor Rahmad



CMLHS bowlers: (from left) Mohd Edeazry, Jamiaah Noor, Mohd Baihaqi & Mohd Shafeirul Zaman.

**20 April 2010.** From 22 February to 5 March this year, UMP had organised its inter-faculty sports carnival to foster greater sporting spirits among its staff and also to form teams to represent UMP in SUKUM 2010 in USM Penang.

CMLHS Volleyball team was placed in group A together with two other faculties in Men's Volleyball tournament. Regarded as the underdog, the team's lined-up were mostly seniors and fresh-face members namely Ahmad Ibrahim, Ahmad Kamil Mukhtar, Balan Kunjambu, Ramle Abid, Mohd Baihaqi Hasni, Rashidi Abbas, Mohd Shafeirul Zaman Abd Majid, Mohd Musab Azmat Ali, Mohd Edeazry Hamzah and Noor Azlan Ratin (Captain). The team's chemistry was not evident during training sessions; but propelled by the desire to win, they managed to pull it together to clinch their first win. For the second match, through excellent cooperation and right strategies, the team qualified for its place in the quarter final. However, albeit the strong support from CMLHS staff, the team had fought a difficult battle in the quarter final; thus, ending our quest for the finals.

Meanwhile on April 17, 2010, our bowlers stunned the university through its spectacular performance during Knowledge Management Centre's 2010 Bowling Tournament. CMLHS grabbed the second and third place through Jamiaah Noor Rahmad and Mohd Baihaqi Hasni in both Female and Male Category respectively. But the best has yet to come; together they teamed up with Mohd Edeazry Hamzah and Mohd Shafeirul Zaman Abd Majid to emerge as the Champion for the tournament.

The centre would like to congratulate our champions, both the volleyball team players and bowlers for their consistent effort and with god willing we will perform better and outshine others in the coming tournaments. Bring them on!

## Dual at its Best Deal

Fatima Bakar & Yanti Salina Saari



The winners: (from left) Najjahul Huda, Faizatul Nadia, Jamiaah Noor, Norzarifah, Munira, Zuraini & Noorini.

**4 May 2010.** CMLHS nailed dual best achievements at the administrative level as well in teaching and learning arena during UMP 2010 Cendekia Bitara Ceremony which was held at Bukit Gambang Resort City. The centre was honoured with double recognitions from two of the categories contested namely the Quality Award and the Excellent Lecturer Award (for Social Sciences Category).

CMLHS 5S Crew won the Quality Award after the teams superb effort in gaining 5S Accreditation by Malaysia Productivity Corporation

(MPC) on 21 August 2009. The latter award which was for the first time introduced was awarded to Munira Abdul Razak, CMLHS Deputy Dean of Academic Affairs, based on her consistent effort and excellent pedagogic performance. The award is intended to honour and reward; thus, encourage academicians to continuously strive to improve their teaching quality.

In general, Cendekia Bitara Award is a prestigious award created by the university to recognise outstanding performance among its staff. The word 'Cendekia' means a person or a group of people who is an intelligent academic scholar or intellectuals whereas 'Bitara' signifies the remarkable, extra ordinary or exceptional quality which is inspired by many. Henceforth, the awards presented during the ceremony are considered as a symbol of excellence in scholarly performance and work, in UMP.





The participants during the T&L course.

The three day course managed to pull in a crowd of 37 participants. The course was based on the English for Professional Development of Educators (EPDE) module. The trainers and facilitators were Azwin Arif Abdul Rahim, Balan Kunjambu, Ezihaslinda Ngah, Noor Azlinda Zainal Abidin, Nor Yazi Khamis, Nor Ashikin Abd Aziz, Suriya Kumar Sinnadurai, Wan Jumani Fauzi and Zailin Shah Yusoff. In addition, among the topics covered were Delivery Skills, Instructional Language, Questioning Techniques, Teaching Creatively, Technology Assisted Learning, Lesson Planning and Micro Teaching.

## The Most Wanted: IELTS Courses

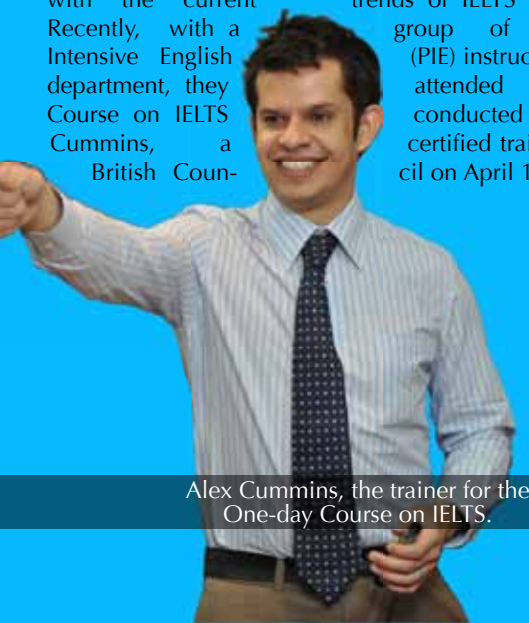
Ezihaslinda Ngah

**28 June 2010.** 'A Course on IELTS' is a popular and one of the most sought after in UMP, especially among academic staff. One of the main objectives of the course is to assist lecturers who intend to sit for IELTS for the purpose of pursuing studies at postgraduate levels or for UMP job confirmation. The course is jointly organised by the Modern Languages Department of CMLHS and the Human Resource Department.

This year, 'A Course on IELTS' was conducted twice, during the semester break. The first training was from 23 to 25 February for 20 participants while the second was from 23 to 25 June 2010 for an unprecedented crowd of 45 participants. They were intensively exposed to the strategies and tips to undertake the exam in all the four components i.e. Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

Feedback from participants was very encouraging as they preferred the hands on aspect of the training as well as the individual attention they received in the writing and speaking components.

The trainers for IELTS, are mostly Human Resource Development Berhad (HRDB) certified trainers from the Modern Languages Department; who regularly update themselves with the current trends of IELTS examination. Recently, with a group of Preparatory (PIE) instructors from the department, they attended a One-day Course on IELTS conducted by Alex Cummins, a British Coun-



Alex Cummins, the trainer for the One-day Course on IELTS.

## English for T&L

Wan Jumani Fauzi

**18 - 20 May 2010.** The English for Teaching and Learning (T&L) course for academic staff had participants walking in the class voluntarily rather than being skeptical about participating in the course. All participants representing their groups modeled their 'masks' which were symbolic of themselves.

English for Teaching and Learning not only focused on the use of English as a medium of instruction but emphasised on how to make lessons in their class fun and interactive. Activities were introduced to give lecturers the experience of being in the shoes of a student again. On the final day they applied what they had learnt in a Mock Teaching session.



Wan Jumani was giving some inputs amidst one of the sessions

One participant who has attended an earlier course on the same topic remarked that she found this course to be far better and useful due to the comprehensive structure of the course. In general, many participants were very happy with the new knowledge and skills attained in the workshop that will definitely enable them to teach effectively.

## No More Diffidence

Wan Jumani Fauzi

**29 June 2010.** UMP Bursary staff had their five minutes of fame as they took the stage and sang their hearts out; in front of their big boss, too! It was all a stress-free moment of merriment as participants sang the familiar words of "Where's the report?" and "No FB!" tongue-in cheek, typically heard and used at their workplace.

Trainers watched with pride as the Prize-Giving and Closing Ceremony, the pinnacle event of the English Communication @ the Workplace Course, which took place at KPU Banquet Hall on 28 June, from 9.00 am to 11.00 am, has successfully revealed the confidence and hidden singing talents of the Bursary staff that was indeed, the goal of the course. The course was customised to the needs of the 50 staff (N41 and N27) from the Bursary Department where the classes took place twice a week, every Monday and Wednesday from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm from 23 March to 14 June. The course was conducted by a group of eight trainers and facilitators from CMLHS.



Ready! The bursary staff cheered enthusiastically upon completing a task.

Their commitment paid off. The participants remarked that the course has given them more confidence. The Bursar of UMP, Zainudin bin Othman, said that before the course, staff would shy away from English speaking clients but now he observed that they have the confidence to communicate in English themselves. Plans to move into the second phase of the course are underway and this time the focus would be on Conducting Meeting Skills and Writing Minutes, and on Enhancing Communication Skills.





One of the group presentations by the students during the workshop.

## A Flying Success @ CAMAR

Faridah Hamzah



A cheerful Reading Room set up for Permata Camar Orphanage.

## Galvanising SMK Baging with English

Wan Jumani Fauzi

**5 - 6 March 2010.** The Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) English Writing Workshop was aimed at galvanising 70 Form Three students of Sekolah Menengah Baging to have a ball with English while at the same time learn how to tackle writing through new strategies.

The workshop was conducted by a group of Modern Languages trainers and facilitators namely Balan Kunjambu, Ezihalsinda Ngah, Wan Jumani Fauzi, Noor Azlan Ratin, Faridah Hamzah and Syarifah Intan Safina Syed Zubir as well as Ahmad Ibrahim, who is from the Human Sciences Department.

Students first went through a pre-test on Writing based on a past year PMR paper. Then, they spent two days participating in many fun and interactive activities that required them to work in a team. They displayed much enthusiasm to do PMR tasks-related activities.

At the end of the second day, the students went through the test again and was assessed immediately by their English teachers. Results showed a marked progress. The students promised to work hard and strive to get an 'A' for English in the coming PMR examination.



A girl was expressing her idea to her group members; (At the back) Faridah (left) & Noor Azlan were reflecting the technique used during the workshop.



The kids were getting ready for the reading class.

**22 May 2010.** CMLHS extended its remarkable contribution to the society by organising a Let's Read (Jom Membaca) programme which had taken place at Permata Camar Orphanage (CAMAR), Sungai Soi, Kuantan.

Unlike any of its community service, the programme had successfully set up an inspiring reading room completes with a variety of reading resources with a hope that it would help to motivate and improve the childrens' basic reading skills.

26 CMLHS staff and eight more from Faculty of Chemical Engineering & Natural Resources, UMP, had worked in sync in ensuring the accomplishment of the programme.

Earlier, the committee which was headed by Associate Professor Ainol Haryati Ibrahim, was divided into four teams to ensure the smoothness of the programme. It started with speeches from the Head of CAMAR, Badrul Huzaini Mohd Yusof and CMLHS Dean, Professor Dr. Abd Jalil Borham.

There were four major activities which were reading, mural painting, reading materials tagging and a motivation session which was handled by Ustaz Mansor Sulaiman. It was targeted to boost the students' motivation and awareness towards the importance of knowledge from Islamic perspective.

The programme has substantiated that our contribution to the community is needed; the community's intellectual development is not worthy of being crippled by the shortage of experts and facilities.

## SMART Calls for SOS

Husna Hashim

**2 June 2010.** Sekolah Menengah Abdul Rahman Talib (SMART) Kuantan students were enlightened with a talk on Study Orientation Skills (SOS) delivered by Mohd Ghani Awang who is a CMLHS Senior lecturer from the Department of Human Sciences. It is from his extensive research that he created the Ghani Format (Format Ghani). Hence, the main objective of the talk was to discuss and utilise Ghani Format in science subjects to the fourth formers of the school. There were 120 students of science stream and 30 teachers took part in the process.

During the talk, various examples on the usefulness of Ghani Format was shared and further elucidated. The students went through an assessment, diagnostic and correctional processes that eventually led them towards a better understanding of the appropriate SOS using additional information from SOS portal as well as books related to SOS.

The outcome of the project was encouraging thus the principal of SMART recommended this particular format to be introduced to the fifth formers. In addition, a follow up project was conducted on July 7, 2010 to 120 SMART sixth formers and 30 teachers around Kuantan.



Mohd Ghani (left) watched the teacher helped the students to use SOS online materials.



# Gleeful Days with SK Wira & Mahkota

Tuan Sidek Tuan Muda

**24 & 27 May 2010.** CMLHS Community Services on 24 May turned gleeful with vigorous and candid acts by a group of 176 pupils accompanied by 12 teachers from Sekolah Kebangsaan Wira; and later, on 27 May, 80 pupils with 12 teachers from Sekolah Kebangsaan Seri Mahkota. One day after another, the groups who were UPSR 2010 candidates merrily flocked to UMP looking naive, yet with eager minds mainly to participate in the motivational programmes hosted by the centre.

Due to the huge crowd, both events had to be held at WDKU 1 at Block W, UMP, from 8.30 am to 2.00 pm.



SK Wira pupils showed a deep interest with the layout of FKKS Lab.

The objectives of both events were to fortify the spirit and awareness among the pupils to strive for excellent UPSR results. Thus, to boost their enthusiasm, apart from the motivational talk delivered by the experts from the centre, the pupils went on a tour to UMP library as well as to witness some of the latest technology at the Faculty of Chemical Engineering & Natural Resources (FKKS) Labs.

Earlier, to illuminate the morning session, there were musical interlude by Mohd Edeazry Hamzah as well as some bonuses given out during 'Language Diversity' event which were conducted by CMLHS foreign language teachers. Before departing, the visitors got together for a congregational zuhur prayer at UMP mosque.

The events were part of community services planned for the centre's 2010 calendar and coordinated under CMLHS Community Service Unit to ensure the smoothness of the programmes. The programmes achieved its targets because everyone including the school teachers experienced a kindred spirit of fulfilment till the end of the programme.



The boys from SK Mahkota excitement during the 'Chicken Dance'.

# SOS & Biofeedback at SRK Wira

Munira Abdul Razak

**2 - 3 June 2010.** This programme was executed for a research purpose entitled "The development of Study Orientation Skills (SOS) kit and biofeedback protocol to improve academic performance of primary schools students." It had successfully created a module named The Ghani Module Format (Modul Format Ghani) for the Primary School Achievement Examination (UPSR).

A special website has been established for assessment, diagnostic and correctional purposes for the betterment of pupils' study skills and orientation. For the assessment purpose, 40 respondents of Standard Six pupils were taken from Sekolah Rendah Kebangsaan Wira in which the target was to achieve 40 5As' in the coming 2010 UPSR. The evaluation programme utilised the Seed Money Grant from Universiti Malaysia Pahang.

The workshop had been carried out for three days in which the participants, by the end of it, sat for a pre and post test as well as a Biofeedback test. All teachers from all subject backgrounds i.e. Science, Mathematics, Bahasa Melayu and English demonstrated a commendable commitment by actively participating and eventually making the workshop a successful one.

# Wishes Granted for SMK Cenderawasih

Suriya Kumar Sinnadurai

**25 June 2010.** Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Cenderawasih wishes to be considered for an English Enrichment Program materialised when CMLHS agreed to host the school under its Community Services programme.

The objective was to provide opportunities for the students to use the centre multimedia lab software to improve their English proficiency; thus, to encourage the students to use ICT as a catalyst for speaking and writing skills. Also, it was to promote UMP as a centre of public higher education for those who intend to pursue further studies in diploma and degree level.

A group of 30 students with two teachers spent four hours at CMLHS participating in activities like Explorace and language games conducted by the Intelligentsia Club. Later, the students attempted the language software TELL ME MORE enthusiastically.

From the feedback and testimonies recorded, they had enjoyed their outing at CMLHS as they were impressed and had an enjoyable morning with the activities they had participated. This kind of programme seems to be popular at UMP especially during school break; monthly there are requests for visits from schools requesting our lecturers to help motivate and share our expertise with their students.

## 200 murid sertai program motivasi UPSR

**KUANTAN, Seramai 200** murid Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Wira, Panching, di sini, mengikuti program motivasi sebagai persiapan menghadapi ujian Pencapaian Sekolah Rendah (UPSR) anjuran Pusat Bahasa Melayu Dan Sains Kemajuan, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP).  
Pegawai program, Tuan Sidek Tuan Muda berkata, sesi motivasi itu diadakan bagi menyuntik dan membina semangat supaya mengurus masa secara efektif dalam persiapan menghadapi peperiksaan berkenaan. Menurutnya, pakar juga diberi kesedaran mengenai pentingnya ilmu dan mengambil langkah untuk berjaya bukan saja di peringkat UPSR, malah Pendidikan Menengah Rendah (PMR) dan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM).  
"Program ini memberi kesan positif dan merangsang usaha peserta untuk mencapai kecemerlangan dalam akademik," katanya ketika ditemui, kelmarin.  
Datu Penolong Kanan SK Wira, Mohdodin Mohamad berkata, inisiatif itu diharapkan dapat meningkatkan prestasi UPSR tahun ini berbanding tahun lalu.  
"Selain itu, sajian kami tahun ini adalah untuk menjadi sekolah kelima terbaik di Kuantan," katanya.



MINAT...murid melihat hasil karya penuntut UMP ketika program motivasi UPSR, baru-baru ini.

SMK Cenderawasih students posed joyfully for a picture with UMP student facilitators.





# Duo out for Camp

Syahrina Ahmad



The student tried to overcome the challenge while the rest watched anxiously.

**26 - 28 March 2010.** What could possibly happen when groups of students went out for camping. A hullabaloo of aesthetic and energetic group of students, you can bet! This year, an enthralling and enjoyable camping event for Arabic and Japanese students, was held by the Department of Foreign Languages, Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences, UMP at Dusun Eco Resort, Bentong, Pahang.

133 registered students (85 Intermediate Japanese and 48 Arabic) from semester 2 2009/2010 had taken part in this event. The camp was targeted to further develop ways of learning the languages through diverse outdoor activities carried out at the resort. Hence, the participants were encouraged to grab the opportunities to maximise the use of the languages through the activities which were designed to be interactive and teamwork-like especially during the treasure

hunt, flying fox as well group presentations (drama).

Headed by Mohammad Baihaqi Hasni and Syahrina Ahmad, an Arabic and Japanese language teacher respectively, the two were assisted by other CMLHS associates, Yanti Salina, Fatina Bakar, Hairul Nisma Wahab and Mohd. Edeazry Hamzah as facilitators.



The foreign language drama was staged with full of emotions.

## New KSK Line of Duty

Husna Hashim

**6 April 2010.** The AGM of Human Sciences Club or Kelab Sains Kemanusiaan (KSK) was held to mark the inauguration of the new line up of leaders. Nevertheless, the centre extends its gratitude to the previous leadership of the club who had contributed their outstanding effort since the establishment of the club. As for now, the apprentices will continue the legacy in providing a medium for UHE, UHM, and UHR students who are registered with KSK, to execute the activities related to their respective courses.

The club also aspires to instil exemplary moral attitude besides achieving academic excellence among the students. To add, the target is to encourage its members to uphold universal ideals as well as adhering to religious values through its programmes and agendas planned. For the beginning of 2010/11 academic session, the club projected to carry out a number of activities such as a visit to the Malaysia Parliament and Pahang State Assembly as well as a co joint effort with the Department of Human Sciences to conduct Human Capital Excellence Programme (Program Kecemerlangan Modal Insan).

There will also be community services with the locals, as well as stress and financial management courses. It is hope that these activities will uplift KSK to be a dynamic club; thus, the most preferred amongst UMP students. Congratulations to the Fresh KSK's Leaders!

Indeed, the camp was a success. Most campers claimed they had a rewarding time and benefitted a lot from the camp. Apart from learning the language, the soft skills elements such as leadership and team working skills were also highlighted in all the activities conducted.

It was apparent that the camp had managed to lure a wider interest among the students in learning the foreign languages as the camp provided a non-threatening and agreeable environment.

## 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.



# Intensive MUET @ UMP

Marziah Ramli & Noor Azlinda Zainal Abidin

**27 March - 25 April 2010.** The MUET Unit at CMLHS, UMP had intensified its effort by initiating a MUET Intensive Programme, in assisting UMP students who had registered for the mid year and end of the year MUET examinations. The programme covered four language skills tested for MUET namely writing, listening, reading and speaking. The MUET workshops on Speaking and Writing were carried out at CMLHS Mini Theatre starting from end of March to early May 2010.

37 students registered for the classes which were held five hours every weekend throughout the months at CMLHS Multimedia Lab 10. Classes were conducted by four CMLHS experienced language teachers, Noor Azlinda Zainal Abidin (Speaking), Marziah Ramli (Listening), Nor



Zahiah Zakaria was giving the input on MUET format & strategies to the students.

Suhardiliana Sahar (Reading) and Noli Maishara Nordin (Writing). These classes were designed for students to practice on the skills and expose them to the latest MUET format.

Other than the classes, a Speaking Workshop was also conducted on 2nd May 2010 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. The guest speaker was Zahiah Zakaria, Pahang State Chief examiner, while the Writing Workshop was conducted a week earlier by Najah Osman, a CMLHS lecturer, who is one of the lead examiners in Pahang. The activities conducted throughout the session were resourceful and the students' participation was seen satisfying. However, in the future it is hoped that candidates will be more committed and make full use of the programme prepared them.

## Syafiq & Zahidah the best for English Camp 2010

Sarah Zulkiple & Nor Suhardiliana Sahar

**9 - 11 May 2010.** Muhammad Syafiq Sabtu and Zahidah Ansari were crowned as the best male and female participant during UMP's 2010 English Camp, held at Taman Pertanian Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Indera Mahkota, Kuantan. The decision was made based on both being outstanding and enthusiastic participants during the three days and two nights camp. 30 first year UMP students and volunteers from various faculties were selected based on their performance in MUET and UHL2312 Technical English course.

The camp, organised by Intelligentsia Club, aimed at creating opportunities for students to develop their creativity through the activities organised whilst, providing a fun learning environment to improve English

language skills. According to the club advisor, Nor Suhardiliana Sahar, a CMLHS English language teacher, apart from the participants, the student facilitators also benefitted from the programme, as the camp had served as a platform for them to instil high level of confidence; thus, to expand their leadership potential.

To sum, the impact was materialised among the campers as they were able to maximise the use of the language in socialising and communicating especially during the activities. She added a continual of such programme is highly pertinent so that Intelligentsia club could carry on playing its role in spawning good command of the language and worthy social skills among its peers.

The campers were trying hard to figure out the answer to the puzzle.



## Walked and Talked with Mandarin

Yong Ying Mei



The students were having fun at the Jonker Walk.

**26 - 28 March 2010.** Nothing seems abnormal when using Mandarin at Jonker Walk, Malacca. That was a real life experience learnt by a group of 35 UMP students from UHF2011/2111 Intermediate Mandarin course who had participated in Mandarin Learning Camp 2010 held at Semabok Inn, Malacca.

The camp, organised by the Department of Foreign Languages, CMLHS, and led by two Mandarin language teachers from the centre, Yong Ying Mei and Chan May Leng, was designed to provide a bona fide setting and opportunity for the students to practice the language. In sync, the camp served to familiarise the campers with Baba Nyonya culture (a combination of

Chinese and Malay culture) in the spirit and goal of 1Malaysia.

The students were exposed to learning the language through various activities namely language games and quizzes, singing Mandarin songs, dancing competition and educational visits to Baba Nyonya Heritage Museum and Zheng He Tea House. Utmost, the students savoured the moment walking at the Jonker Walk because they came into contact with authentic situations and real feelings to converse in Mandarin. The students had enjoyed the camp as they were able to apply what they have learnt in a real situation; thus, they recommended the program as a complementary approach to learn Mandarin in future courses.



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# Proud Moments

Najjahul Huda Hassan

## New Appointment



**Dr. Muhammad Nubli Abdul Wahab**  
(Associate Professor)  
effective 5 May



**Ahmad Kamil Jamaluddin**  
(from DG41 to DS45)  
3 May 2010



**Ahmad Ibrahim**  
(Permanent DS45)  
12 May 2010



**Faridah Hamzah**  
(Permanent DG41)  
18 May 2010

## New Member



**Mohd Nazri Jaafar**  
Computer Technician  
FT17  
3 May 2010



## New Born



**Muhammad Al-Fateh Saharuddin**  
26 March 2010

## Weddings



**Ahmad Kamil Mukhtar &  
Siti Fatimah Mohd Amin**  
4 March 2010



**Faizatul Nadia Mohd Amran &  
Ali Abdul Razak**  
5 June 2010



**Noorini Haji Md Shah &  
Mohamad Azrai Abdul Rahman**  
5 June 2010



**Tuan Muaz Tuan Sidek**  
12 May 2010



This book is a compilation of papers written in English that were presented during the International Conference on Human Capital Development 2009 (ICONHCD2009), held on the 25th to 27th May 2009 at the Swiss Garden Resort and Spa, Kuantan Pahang, and organised by the Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences, Universiti Malaysia Pahang. The editors are Associate Professor Dr. Normah Othman (The Chairperson of ICONHCD2009), Professor Dr. Ahmad Othman, Associate Professor Abdullah Ibrahim And Professor Dr. Ridzuan Nordin. There are two sections in this book. The theme of the first section is "National Perspectives" and the second section is "Organisational Perspectives". There are three sub-themes under the first section and another three sub-themes under the second section. The sub-themes for the first section are: "Human Capital Development for Economic and Development Growth", "Implementations of Human Capital Development Initiatives", and "Creative Perspectives in Human Capital Development". The sub-themes for the second section are: "Managing Human Capital in Organisation", "Human Capital Development in Education and Training", "Recruitment, Job Satisfaction and Performance". The editors of this book were the reviewers of all the papers received for the conference. They are from different fields of specialisation. It is hoped that the papers published in this book would be beneficial for academicians and students to refer to, especially if they are interested in gaining more knowledge about human capital development.

## BOOK REVIEW



## LANGUAGE BITES

### Can You Tell Me Where...

1

Excuse me, can you tell me where can I buy some stationeries here?

إسمح لي ، أين يمكنني أن اشتري القرطاسية هنا؟

Entschuldigen Sie. Wo kann ich die Schreibwaren hier zu kaufen?

Qǐng wèn nǎ lǐ kě yǐ mǎi wén jù ?

请问哪里可以买文具？

Perdona. ¿Dónde puedo comprar los artículos de papelería aquí?

すみません。ぶんぼうぐはどこでかえますか。

Sumimasen. Bunboogu wa doko de kaemasu ka.



2

Oh, that's very easy. There's a book shop at the end of this town.

أوه، هذا سهل جدا. هناك المتجر الذي يقع في نهاية هذه المدينة.

Oh, das ist ganz einfach. Es gibt eine Buchhandlung am Ende dieser Stadt.

ò ! Hěn jiǎn dān 。 Zài zhè chéng shì de wěi duān yǒu yī jiān shū diàn 。

哦！很简单。在这城市的尾端有一间书店。

Ah, es fácil. En una tienda de papelería que está el fin de este pueblo.

そうですね。このあたりにあるほんやでかえます。

Soo desu ne Kono atari ni aru honya de kaemasu..



3

How far do you think the shop from here?

كم المسافة ذلك المحل؟

Wie weit ist die Buchhandlung von hier?

Cóng zhè lǐ dào shū diàn yǒu duō yuǎn ?

从这里到书店有多远？

Más o menos, ¿Cuánto hay de aquí a la librería?

ここからどのキロメートルぐらいですか

Koko kara dono kiromeetoru gurai desu ka.



4

It's about 20 km.

حوالي 20

Ungefähr zwanzig Kilometer.

Dà yuē èr shí gōng lǐ 。

大约二十公里。

Más o menos 20 km

にじゅう キロメートル ぐらい です。

Ni juu kiromeetoru gurai desu.



5

Oh, really, thank you then.

أوه ، شكرا .

Oh, tja. Danke schön.

ò ! Xiè xiè !

哦！谢谢！

Ay. Muchas gracias.

ありがとうございます。

Arigatoo gozaimasu.

6

You're welcome.

عفوا

Bitte sehr.

Bú kè qì 。

不客气。

De nada.

いいえ。

lie.