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## Romeo & Juliet: relived

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On 18th April 2014, students of 1PISMP TESL organised a drama staging as required in TSL 1064, Drama in English. The lecturer in-charge for this subject was Madam Norzalimah binti Mohd Kasim.

### Preparation for the Staging

We were to present a romantic tragedy, "Romeo and Juliet". We were divided into groups of four and each group was assigned one act from the drama.

### Primed for success

The drama began at 8.30 a.m. Everyone portrayed their character well. Some of them even acted out more than one character and changed clothes and make up in time.

It was a very successful event and we are very grateful to Madam Norzalimah for her wisdom, patience and guidance.



Trainee teachers of all cohorts taking their pictures at the photo booth.

## Valedictory Night 2014

by Nah Jiun Rou Abby, 1PISMP TESL

On the 30th October 2014, all TESL-ians gathered at Dewan Serbaguna for TESL Valedictory Night to celebrate the graduation of semester 8 TESL-ians, marking the milestone that they have reached the entry to their teaching career.

### United in Setting Up the Venue

The manpower behind the grand event was none other than a group of fresh-faced sophomores under strict guidance of Madam Sharifah Zuraimah.

Venue set-up for the big night began as early as 1.30pm in the afternoon. Captained by Wong Jing Si, the committee members arranged the hall with seats, set up the sound systems, and decorated a corner with beautiful paper flowers for photo-shoot purposes.

### Hours of Grandeur

At last, with flowing dresses and suave suits flowing into the hall, our TESL Valedictory Night started off at 8.30pm. Various performances have been presented to the audience from juniors during the feast, including solo singing, group singing, solo dancing and many more. As nostalgic memorabilia for the Semester Eight TESL-ians, everyone was invited to take photos or selfies at the specially prepared photo booth, and leave secret messages to the Semester Eight seniors with sticky notes.

At 11.30pm, TESL Valedictory Night 2014 ended with hints of happy tears and friendly hugs. Hopefully though, that for the Semester Eight seniors, it was a night to remember – the end of the beginning.

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Officiating Speech by YB Dato'Hashim b. Rusdi at ELTC Green Day 2013 event.

## ELTC Green Day 2013

by Lai Xian Yie, 4PISMP TESL 1

On 30th August 2013, teacher trainees from IPG Teknik and Institut Aminuddin Baki were invited to participate in the ELTC Green Day event. It was part of a green campus initiative to promote awareness among teacher trainees and the public at large to love and care for the environment.

### Tree Planting & Officiating Ceremony

As early as 7.30 a.m., the participants were divided into groups, given some tools and assigned to different designated points where they planted saplings. After that, they were served breakfast at the guest area outside of ELTC library. At 10am, they gathered in the library for the officiating ceremony, attended by the assembly man of Labu, YB Dato'Hashim b. Rusdi, and the Director of ELTC, Dr. Ranjit Singh Gill.

### Briefing by National Landscape Department

After the officiating ceremony, the participants were also briefed by some staff members of the National Landscape Department on their mission, vision and objectives as well as the history and the job scope of the department. They were also given some information on the importance of landscape designing, and maintenance to the public, as well as to the national development as a whole. It was an informational briefing.

After the briefing, lunch was served and the event concluded successfully.

## Language Day at SK Tekir, Labu.

by Kwan Pei Ling,  
4PISMP TESL 1

On 4th March 2014, 38 TESL teacher trainees and 5 lecturers went to SK Tekir, Labu to conduct some language activities in line with the *Bina Insan Guru* program.

### Why SK Tekir?

Sk Tekir is a rural school with pupils from indigenous groups in Negeri Sembilan. This would allow students to have early exposure and experience in teaching minority ethnic pupils. Their English proficiency is also limited, which would pose a big challenge to teachers.

### Fun language activities

The pupils participated in a lot of prepared language activities and games such as action songs and vocabulary games. The activities were designed well as to include cross-curricular elements and stimulate different learning styles.

The activities concluded at 12.30p.m.



# *Congratulations*

*We would like to sincerely congratulate the graduation of  
TESL Cohort January 2011 of  
(January 2011- December 2014)  
LPG Kampus Pendidikan Teknik,  
Nilai, Negeri Sembilan.*



Group photo of TESL teacher trainees from all cohorts (January 2011, 2012, 2013, June 2014)





Malaysian participants of JENESYS 2.0 2014.

## JENESYS 2.0 2014

by Muhammad Azwan bin Basarudin, 8PISMP TESL 2.

From 21st–29th October 2014, Muhammad Azwan was chosen to be among 10 teacher trainees from Malaysia to participate in Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youth 2.0 (JENESYS 2.0).

### はじめまして (Hajimemashite) - Nice meeting you

Upon arrival at Narita International Airport, they were greeted by two programme coordinators and they were briefed at the National Olympic Memorial Centre. Later that day, they visited Tokyo Camii & Turkish Culture Centre, one of the three mosques in Tokyo. On the next day, they visited Panasonic Centre, Aqua City Mall in Odaiba and Shinohara Maruyoshi Furin (one of the biggest wind chime makers) in Okachimachi. They made their own wind chimes there.

### 次の停車駅: 広島 – Next Stop: Hiroshima

A four-hour-trip on the bullet train (shinkansen–新幹線) to Hiroshima from Tokyo allowed them to visit Itsukushima Shrine at Miyajima Island. They had an educational trip to Hiroshima International University KURE Campus to learn about technological advances used in medical and nursing fields. They participated in the Open Day and performed *Mirae*, a song by Kiroro. They had a taste of Japanese lifestyle by living with foster families as well for three days, two nights. Azwan visited Waseda Shrine, Buddha Tomb Tower Monument, Mitaki Temple, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima Food Festival, Hiroshima Castle and Japanese Garden. Before returning to Tokyo, they participated in a charity work for the handicapped.

### 楽しみました (Tanoshimi mashita) – It was fun.

They reported on their trip at the Olympic Memorial Centre and performed Malaysian traditional dances. They had a farewell party as well that night with delegates from Vietnam, Philippines and Laos at Washington Hotel, Tokyo.

## Action Research

## Competition

by Low Xiang Yein, 8PISMP TESL 1

Low Xiang Yein was chosen to represent IPG Teknik for an action research competition in 2014 Creativity and Innovation (CIC), Action Research (CAR) and Sustainable IPG (CSI) Convention at Nouvelle Hotel, Seri Kembangan, on the 14th to 16th October 2014.

### Convention by Teachers for Teachers

It was a convention organised by Institut Pendidikan Guru Malaysia (IPGM) and participated by over 150 teacher trainees from 25 IPG's.

The second day was the competition day. The action research competition was held in conference rooms while other competitions, in an exhibition hall. Each participant had a 15-minute presentation and 5-minute Q&A session. Low's presentation was "Improving the Teaching of Reading Comprehension through the Use of "LXY Vocabulary Instruction" Strategy".

### Return with Glory

The third day was filled with talk on copyright and patenting by Malaysian Intellectual Property Corporation (MyIPO) and prize giving ceremony.

Low won silver award from 54 contestants.



## Textbook analysis and adaptation

by Patrick Paul Raj, 6PISMP TESL 2

On 8th July 2014, a short and simple workshop entitled Workshop On Analysing And Adapting English Language Textbook in Classrooms was organized by the Language Department especially for students from 6PISMP who were about to leave for their second practicum.

### Rationale behind the workshop

The workshop was conducted by Madam Evelyn and Dr. Nil Farakh respectively. The main aim of this workshop was to give more exposure to the students about the advantages of using a textbooks and ways to adapt the materials found in a textbook.

### No stones unturned in textbook exploitation in teaching English

47 teacher trainees from 6PISMP took part in this workshop and were exposed to a lot of new information and knowledge on how to exploit the textbooks for effective English lessons.



TESL students and lecturers of IPG Teknik, Bdr Enstek and IPG Gaya, KK.

## Educational Trip to Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

by Wong Siaw Wen & Intan Nasuha Abdul Sani, 6PISMP TESL 2.

From 15th October 2014 until 19th October 2014, 24 students of 6PISMP TESL 2 students, with accompaniment of 4 lecturers went for an educational trip to Kota Kinabalu, Sabah in collaboration with IPG Gaya, Kota Kinabalu.

The flight to Sabah was smooth and we stayed at Api-api Service Apartment.

### Cultural Exchange Event with TESL students of IPG Gaya

On the 16th October 2014, we had a cultural exchange event with 6PISMP TESL students of IPG Gaya. It was an enriching experience as there were a lot of performances by students from both IPG's. Among the best performances were the Cocos Ethnic Dance, Murut Ethnic Dance and the *Bongai* performance.

### Sightseeing and Activities in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

We visited a lot of tourist attractions such as the Handicraft Market, Jesselton Point, Manukan Island, Kundasang War Memorial, Kundasang Market, Desa Cattle Farm, and *Rumah Terbalik* Tamparuli. We also organised activities amongst us such as water confidence and other group activities.

The trip was a memorable one and we were grateful for warm collaboration and welcome shown by IPG Kampus Gaya, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.





Group photo of 8PISMP TESL students and Lang. Dep. lecturers at Nilai Spring Resort.

## Action Research Seminar 2014

by Muhammad Azwan B Basaruddin, 8PISMP TESL 2

On Wednesday and Thursday, 24th and 25th September 2014, the 8PISMP TESL group with all the lecturers from language department had an action research seminar at Nilai Spring Resort, Nilai. There were about 37 presenters and 15 lecturers attended on both the days of seminar.

### Evaluation of Action Research

This seminar was conducted as to fulfill the requirement of the course TSL 3153 whereby students in semester 8 need to present their own action research. The presentations were evaluated by the language department lecturers who mostly played the role as our supervisors.

To make this event a successful one, we formed a committee of eight members which was supervised by Madam Rusmanizah Bt Ustati. Some of us took turn to be the master of ceremony by explaining the rules and some took up the role as timekeeper whereby each trainee is given only 20 minutes to present their research.

### Benchmark for Future TESL Cohorts

Organising this event as well as being the participants made us realize that this is not an easy job. Although it was challenging, the seminar was conducted successfully and the two day programme could be a benchmark for the juniors of TESL to carry out the similar or even better seminar in future.

## So Long, Farewell

by Patrick Paul Raj, 6PISMP TESL 2

On the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 was the retirement ceremony of Dr. Muhammad bin Ab Rahman. The event manager was Madam Sharifah and a few 6PISMP TESL students helped her.

### Preparation for Ceremony

It took two weeks to prepare. All students from each major came up with a performance and a gift. We had two formal rehearsals. TESL students helped to set up the hall well.

### Proper Send-off

All TESL students arrived as early as 7am to ensure the event went well. The guests appreciated the performances the most. There were singing, dancing, poem recitation, *Dikir barat*, choir and interesting stimulation from the GIATMARA students. Our director was touched and we could feel him at the end of the day. The event ended with the singing of "Kenangan Terindah" by the audience while he left paraded by students with motorbikes. At the end of the day we realised that organising a meaningful event for someone special was our privilege.





6PISMP (JAN 2012)



4PISMP (JAN 2013)



8PISMP (JAN 2011)



1PISMP (JUNE 2014)

