



# 31st MELTA International Conference Outcome Report

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26-27 August 2023, with online  
competitions in

Venue: Universiti Malaya, Kuala  
Lumpur

# Background

- The Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA) has been organising an annual international conference for over 30 years. The conference has a strong following across the globe, and this has been possible because of the association's partnership with other English Language Teaching associations in countries such as Thailand, Japan, Korea, Bangladesh, India, Taiwan, and Indonesia.
- The 31<sup>st</sup> MELTA International took place from **26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**. The main conference was preceded by online pre-conference competitions on 19 August 2023.



A group of people are seated around a large wooden conference table in a meeting room. In the background, there are computer monitors on desks. The scene is dimly lit, with a dark overlay applied to the entire image. A small purple rectangular graphic is located in the top left corner.

# Conference Theme

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- **From the Ground-up: Dreams and Realities of English Language Education**

# Conference Objectives

- To provide researchers and classroom practitioners with a platform to engage in critical roundtable discussions on a series of issues related to ELT in Malaysia, leading to the submission of recommendations to the Ministry of Education Malaysia
- To provide opportunities for researchers and classroom practitioners in the field of English language education to share their work and encourage greater engagement with peers
- To provide students with a platform to showcase their projects in STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading & wRiting, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) through oral presentations using the English language
- To provide a platform for English language teachers and student teachers to showcase their creative solutions to challenges in English language teaching
- To document issues and proposals from forums and roundtable discussions to be submitted to the Ministry of Education Malaysia







# Conference Partners

- Pearson PTE
- University Book Store Malaysia
- Test Center Malaysia
- Edpuzzle
- Gerakbudaya
- Oxford



# Online Competitions and Showcase 19 August 2023

Pre-conference Events





# Pre-conference Event 1: Malachi Edwin Vethamani Creative Teacher Showcase

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## **Winners**

**Asshadwi Paneerselvam, SK Seri Suria, Kuala Lumpur**

**Teo Woon Chun, SJKC Peay Min, Johor**

**Aida Hartini Binti Abdullah, SK Ampang Pecah, Selangor**





# Pre-conference Event 2: Creative Student Teacher Showcase

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**Winner**

**Becky Lau Chung Xin, Institute of  
Teacher Education Kent Campus,  
Sabah**





# Pre-conference Event 3: Higher Education Teaching Innovation

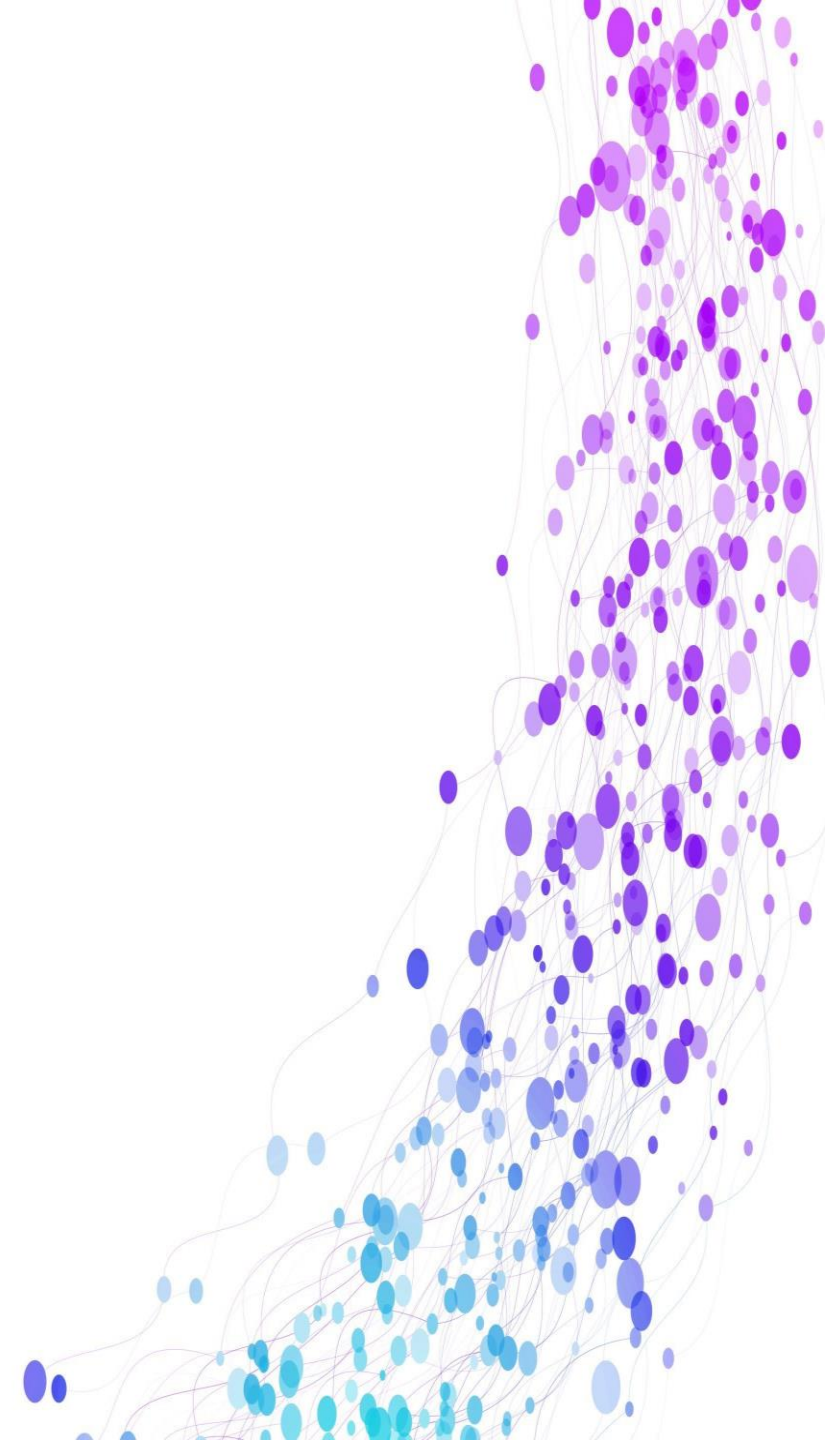
## **Winners**

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**Dr Yueh Yea Lo, Universiti Malaya**

**Dr Tan Wee Chun, Universiti Putra Malaysia**

**Mr Eric Buck, Kanda University of International  
Studies, Japan**



# Ganakumaran Subramaniam Project Based Learning Competition



# Winners, Upper Primary Category

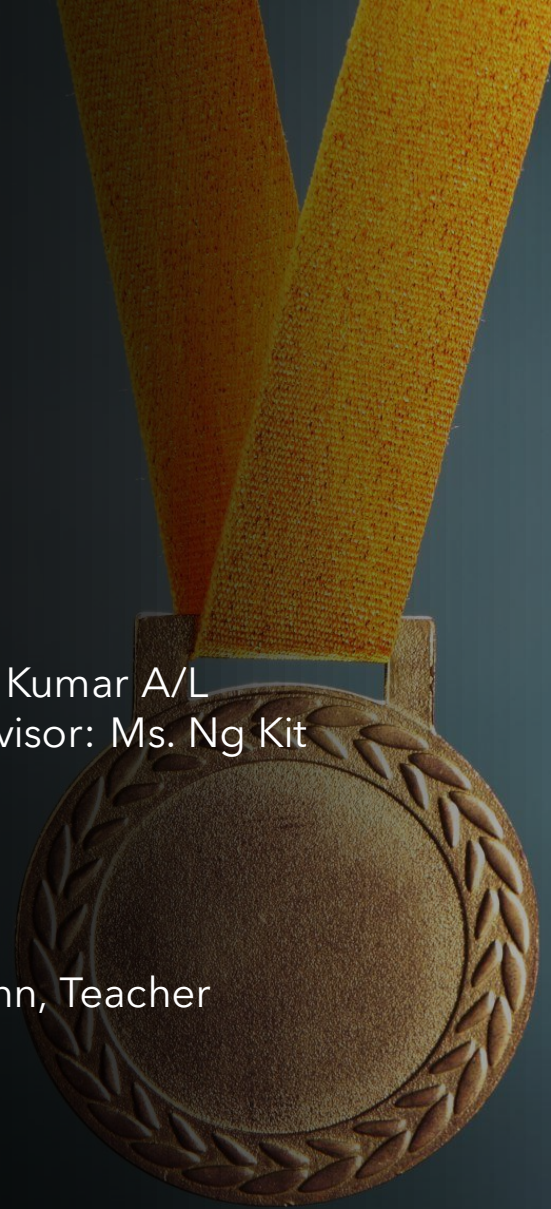
- **Gold**
  - **SJKC New Kopisan, Perak**
  - **Angel Yong Kai Qing, Au Qiao Qi, Nur Aimi Fathihah Binti Mohd Soffa, Teacher Advisor: Ms. Shee Yuen Ling**
- **Silver**
  - **SJKT Somasundram, Kedah**
  - **Puvanaan A/L Vijayan, Thamir Selvan A/L Siva, Roshini A/P Thanabalan, Teacher Advisor: Ms. Prithibaa A/P Gnanasekaren**
- **Bronze**
  - **SK Changkat Lada 3, Perak**
  - **Hawa Insyirah Binti Mohd Hairi, Muhammad Ammar Ridhwan Bin Norazni, Walin Wahaada Binti Wan Mustaffa, Teacher Advisor: Ms. Nadiah Binti Abdul Kadir**



## Winners, Secondary Category

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- Gold
  - SMK St Michael, Perak
  - Elijah Benedict A/L Lawrence Dominic, Jai Prasad Kumar A/L Shivakumar, Mel Jensson James Paul, Teacher Advisor: Ms. Ng Kit Wan
- Silver
  - Sekolah Sri UCSI, Selangor
  - Venussha Saravanan, Leong Xin Mei, Yeoh Joo Lynn, Teacher Advisor: Ms. Jennifer Grace John
- Bronze
  - SMK Lok Yuk, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
  - Ashton Au Jin Wei, Gerald Davis Banico, Wong Yik Hui, Teacher Advisor: Ms. Roseline David







# Invited Speaker Presentations Paper Presentations Workshops

Main Conference Events



## Number of Delegates

- Pre-conference events: 117
- Conference: 194
- **Total: 311**



## Countries Represented

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- Malaysia
- United Kingdom
- China
- Japan
- Korea
- Bangladesh
- Nepal
- Thailand
- Indonesia
- Singapore
- Brunei
- Mongolia







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## Hyacinth Gaudart Outstanding English Language Teacher Award

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Zanurin bin Mohamad Safar  
SMK Sultan Badlishah, Kulim,  
Kedah





## Presentations

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- Keynote 1
- Plenary Forum Presentations 3
- Roundtable Discussions 5
- Workshops 5
- Paper Presentations 65





# Issues Discussed

- Professional development of English language teachers
- Pre-service education for English language teachers
- Assessing proficiency of English language teachers
- Use of internationally-distributed English language textbooks
- Deemphasising high-stakes testing
- English-medium instruction
- Teacher well-being
- Others



# Basil Wijasuriya Best Teacher Presenter Award

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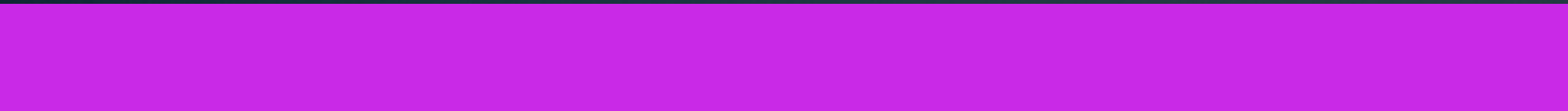
**Patrick Duffy Anak  
Bayuong, SK Long Busang,  
Belaga, Sarawak**







# Feedback



人前是得奖的喜悦；人后是不懈的努力与坚持  
The students' happiness radiated through the room. It was a moment etched in their memories, a testament to their hard work, collaboration and determination.



Pre-conference competitions

Creating winning moments



Lia Yiing Ho and 19 others

9 comments









# Participant comments

- Helpful for teachers in teaching journey
- Teacher well-being should've been in roundtable discussion form as many have a say on the topic
- Content and coverage is very suitable to the Malaysian participants. But foreign delegates may struggle to relate with the more localised topics and themes.
- Congratulations on organising yet another MELTA conference and looking forward to the next!



# Participant comments

- Content overall for the conference was insightful and thought provoking which are ingredients for a successful conference. However, there were a number of technical challenges particularly at the parallel session venues and those could be improved.
- Overall, I had fun! But... The plenary forums and round tables were interesting ideas, but they were quite specific to areas that didn't interest me; would have been better as parallel sessions. Also, the exact location information was not anywhere on the website or in the program book.

# Participant comments

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- This is a Disneyland for me. First time participating in MELTA, and it MELTs my heart. With its content, engaging sharing session, critical issues tackled and discussed, I learn a lot and I love sharing my research interest with many others
- I hope there is some gap between each presentation so that I can take some time to get to the next room.
- 👍❤️ We've enjoyed the conference







We'd love to hear  
from you!

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