

# 29th MELTA International Conference Outcome Report

23-25 July 2021

## **About Us**

The Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA) is a voluntary, not-for-profit professional organisation. Tracing its roots to 1958, MELTA is **the oldest English language teaching association in Malaysia** which continues to be guided by its constitutional aim of advancing English Language Education.

# **Conference History**

- The Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA) has been organising an annual international conference for **almost 30 years**.
- MELTA conferences have been run successfully in different parts of the country.
- MELTA successfully bid and hosted the AsiaTEFL International conference twice, drawing close to 1000 delegates at each event.
- The Movement Control Order (MCO) imposed in Malaysia to battle the COVID-19 pandemic forced MELTA to postpone the 29th MELTA International Conference originally scheduled for June 2020 to July 2021.
- The conference was held online from 23 to 25 July 2021.

# Conference Theme

**Be Future Ready: Shaping** New **Understandings** in the ELT Landscape

# Conference Objectives

To provide an opportunity 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



1 Conference • 7 Tracks

# Online Conference Format

**Track 1: Teacher Professional Development** 

Track 2: Pedagogy

**Track 3: Assessment and Evaluation** 

**Track 4: Literature** 

**Track 5: Technology** 

#### Track 6:

- Creative Teacher Showcase
- Creative Student Teacher Showcase
- Higher Education Teaching Innovation

**Track 7: Project-Based Learning in STREAM** 



# Input



# Input for hosting the conference

A committee made up of 27 volunteers working between November 2020 to July 2021

Association funds to organise and operationalise an online conference

Support from the Ministry of Education Malaysia

Sponsorship from partner organisations

Paid services of a professional online events management team to provide technical support













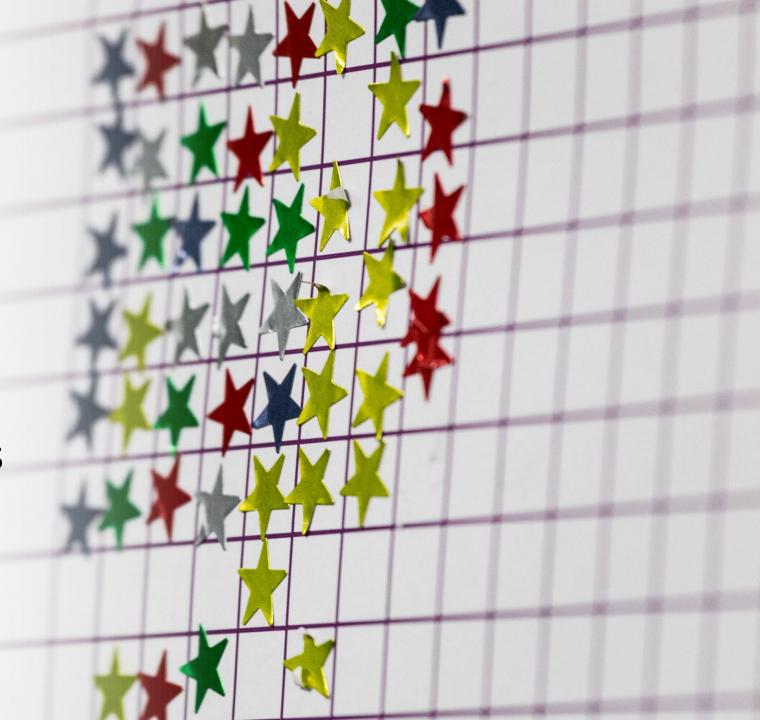




# Partners

# Output

- Delegates
- Student competitors
- Award recipients



# 1083 delegates

749 conference presenters and participants in Tracks 1 to 6

67 teacher advisors and 267 student presenters in Track 7





# Output — Delegates by Track



# Track 1:

Teacher Professional Development



# Track 2:

Pedagogy









# Track 3:

Assessment and Evaluation

# Track 4 Literature



# Track 5:

Technology





# Track 6:

- Creative Teacher Showcase
- Creative Student Teacher
   Showcase
- Higher Education Teaching Innovation





# 67 Teacher Advisors

267 Student Competitors



Project-Based Learning Competition





# Hyacinth Gaudart Outstanding English Language Teacher Award



Congratulations Samuel Isaiah!



2021 Hyacinth Gaudart Outstanding English Language Teacher Award





# Basil Wijasuriya Best Teacher Presenters



## **Basil Wijasuriya Best Teacher Presenters**

### **Track 1: Teacher Professional Development**

• Thurairaja Sunmokasudram

## **Track 2: Pedagogy**

Samantha Elesha Anak Salambau

#### **Track 3: Assessment and Evaluation**

Norhafizah Hanoom Bt Ahmad Azman Khan

#### **Track 4: Literature**

Mah Zhi Jian & Winnie Ong Yuen Nee

## Track 5: Technology

Ilidina Binti Mahadi





# Malachi Edwin Vethamani Creative Teacher Showcase

#### **Gold Award**

Umairah Najihah binti Ismail and Ho Theen Theen

#### **Silver Award**

Mohamad Faiz bin Mohamad Shakri

#### **Bronze Award**

Suzzanna bt Amir Mohammad



## **Creative Student Teacher Showcase**

### **Gold Award**

Divenes A/L Egambaran

### **Silver Award**

Celine Laeu Jie Qin

#### **Bronze Award**

• Nurul Fatin Afifah binti Muhamad



# **Higher Education Teaching Innovation**

### **Gold Award**

Tan Wee Chun

#### **Silver Award**

Khong See Moi & Noraini Said

#### **Bronze Award**

 Amreet Kaur Jageer Singh & Raja Nor Safinas Raja Harun



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## Winners – Primary School Category

#### **Gold Award**

Elliott Timotheus Yau Sugiarto, Ezekiel Amadeus Rong Sugiarto,
 Tan Ying Chung (SJKC Lih Jen, Kg. Pokok Mangga, Melaka)

#### **Silver Award**

 Subatheshwin A/L Sivamohan, Thanuja A/P Kumaran, Mahaawin A/L Sivamohan (SJKT Ladang Highlands, Klang, Selangor)

#### **Bronze Award**

Chong Jun Hao, Chew Xue Tong, Voo Huan Kay
 (Sri Kuala Lumpur International School, Subang Jaya, Selangor)

#### **Fourth Place**

 Chong Kien Lok, Chong Lok Phen, Tan Zack (SJKC Yuk Choi, Lahad Datu, Sabah)

#### **Fifth Place**

 Rajeeswary A/P Saravanan, Missyalini A/P Vijiyan, Lavitaranrau A/L Rangkarau (SJKT Somasundram, Sungai Petani, Kedah)

#### **Sixth Place**

Charlene Yeap Qingli, Lim Qiao Yun, Lim Qiao Zhi
 (SJKC Perempuan China 2-D, Georgetown, Pulau Pinang)



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# Winners – Secondary School Category

#### **Gold Award**

 Ganesh Mani Vannan, Joan Lim Shu Ying, Sharinni A/P Jaya Raj (SMK Bandar Putra, Kulai, Johor)

#### **Silver Award**

Afifah Nur Hasanah, Chadija Syukria, Fatimah Suhailla
 (Diponegoro Islamic Senior High School, Jawa Tengah, Indonesia)

#### **BronzeAward**

 Lee Lee Chee, Yap Jing June, Henry Teh Hong Li (Pin Hwa High School, Klang, Selangor)

#### **Fourth Placing**

Phoebe Low Wei Mun, Liew Ann Qie, Lim Weng Yan
 (SMK Perempuan Methodist Ipoh, Ipoh, Perak)

#### Fifth Placing

• Isabelle Siew Jyn-Vern, Jonell Chan Xin Ru, Karinna Haseena Binti Mohamed (Sri UCSI Secondary School, Subang Jaya, Selangor)

#### **Sixth Placing**

Benjamin Chin Zhi Qin, Tarran A/L Pathmanathan, Nadia Fan Zhi Qi
 (Pin Hwa High School, Klang, Selangor)



# Feedback from Delegates

Based on feedback from 138 delegates

# Top reasons for joining the conference

The opportunity to be part of an international conference (71.7%)

The flexibility of selecting tracks (54.3%)

The conference theme (54.1%)

The reputation of the organisers (30.4%)

The line-up of key speakers (26.1%)

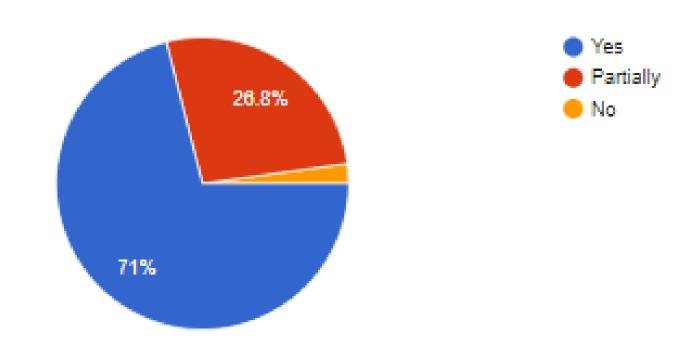
# Pre-conference Experience

- 82.6% described access to information as very good or excellent
- 88.4% of presenters described the process of submitting abstracts and registering for the conference as very good or excellent
- 88.9% of participants described their registration experience as very good or excellent



# Conference Experience

# Did the conference meet expectations?



# Quality of the conference site

92.7% of delegates described the conference site as either very good or excellent

### **Ease of Navigation**

88.4% described the ease of navigating the conference site as either very good of excellent

#### **Conference Schedule**

89.1% rated the conference schedule as either very good or excellent





This conference experience

- Has provided me with the opportunity to reflect more critically on issues related to ELT (78.3%)
- Has provided me with ideas to improve my teaching practices (71%)
- Has introduced me to topics and issues which are new (50.7%)
- Has motivated me to present at future MELTA conferences (42.8%)
- Has provided me with the opportunity to connect with others who share the same interest with me (38.4%)



# The conference experience

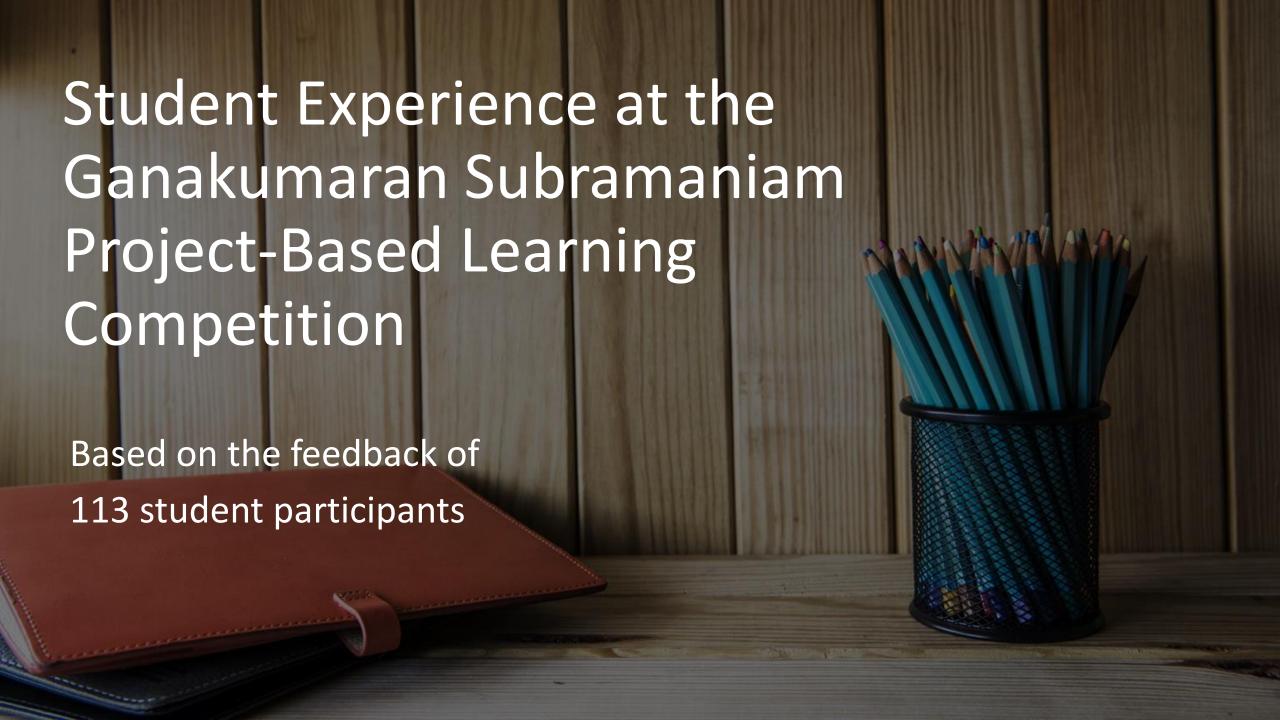
- I would say that the speakers are experienced ones and it is a pleasure to join the sessions led by the experts. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire conference.
- I think this event is easy to follow and I really enjoy it. I'd like to thank all the awesome speakers and presenters
- Perfectly carried out! looking forward to taking part in 2022 conference.
- I think under the circumstances of a global pandemic, and making the conference completely remote, it was done exceptionally well. All those involved should be commended.



# This conference experience

- The keynote speaker did a fantastic job. In addition some of the other plenary speakers were good and the track presenters were interesting. On the whole, the content was focused, relevant, and interesting, and my expectations of the various parts of the conference were fulfilled.
- I have a great experience with this conference this time. I
  was really interested with theme and able to gain
  valuable insights from the invited speakers and the
  presenters.
- Overall it is a great experience for the first MELTA online conference. Thank you for organizing this conference.
- The sharing sessions were very enriching and such an eye-opener for me as the teacher trainer and educator. Having an online conference like this is very convenient indeed. Thanks for the opportunity.





# Benefits of participating in the conference

The opportunity to participate in an international event (83.2%)

The opportunity to work with friends in a project (72.6%)

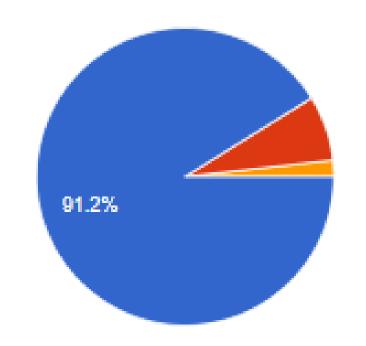
The opportunity to gain marks for extra-curricular activities (69%)

The opportunity to interest with others when schools are closed (57.5%)

The opportunity to get feedback on our work from others besides our teachers (50.4%)



Did you enjoy participating in the competition?







- I did enjoy it because I got the chance to compete and answer questions.
- I really learnt a lot during that period of doing the project.
- I really enjoyed participating in this competition because it was really fun. I also got to learn a lot through this competition. Thank you to MELTA for organising this competition.
- I enjoyed participating in the competition because I could see a variety of people from different countries. I also gained ideas and knowledge while making this project.
- I learnt a lot of things from the other competitors. I've gained a lot of experience, hopefully I can join next year.



We looking forward to hearing from you.

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