

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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# Association Objectives



01

To promote the teaching & learning of English in Malaysia

To contribute towards the advancement of standard in English language education in Malaysia

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To provide a forum for the discussion of issues in English language education

To organize seminars, courses, lectures, & other appropriate activities to promote continuous professional development among Malaysian teachers.

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To encourage research & development in English language education and its related

To encourage & provide avenues for publications pertaining to English language education

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To represent English language educators in meetings & forums that deliberate on policies, curricula, syllabi, examinations, & classroom practice issues & any other forums that focus on English language education

To provide national & international professional networking avenues to the Malaysian English language community

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To work with & support national initiatives to promote & enhance English language education in Malaysia

To be a global contributor & partner in development & advancement of English language education

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# President's Message

The Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA) has had another impactful year in 2024, continuing its commitment to advancing English language education in Malaysia.

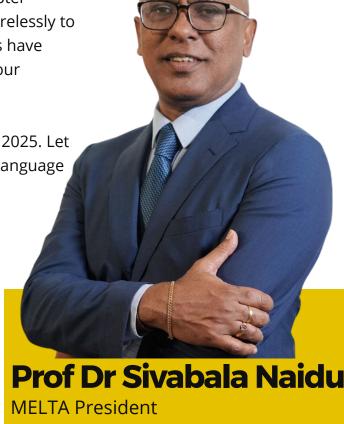
Among our many initiatives was the 32nd MELTA International Conference, which brought together educators, researchers, and policymakers from the country and beyond to share insights and best practices in ELT. Additionally, the bureaus and chapters have been instrumental in reaching out to educators through national & regional initiatives. These initiatives have provided invaluable support to teachers, ensuring they have access to continuous professional development opportunities.

We are also proud to have strengthened partnerships with organisations such as Scholastic Asia, Pearson, and Beijing-based 21st Century English Education Media. These collaborations have enriched our programmes and provided new opportunities for knowledge exchange.

As we move forward, I extend my deepest gratitude to all our dedicated committee members, chapter leaders, and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to uphold MELTA's mission. Your contributions have been invaluable in ensuring the success of our initiatives.

I look forward to your continued support in 2025. Let us come together and add value to English language education in the country via MELTA.

Thank you and warm wishes always, Prof Dr Sivabala Naidu President, MELTA



# National & International Partnerships



In line with MELTA's objectives to encourage development in English Language Teaching and as a means to provide a platform for its members to share knowledge and experiences, MELTA has sought to form and sustain various partnerships within and beyond Malaysia.

### **NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

MELTA has a range of public and private partners. The Ministry of Education, Malaysia has been a consistent advocate and has been a pillar of support to all MELTA activities since its inception. Other public partners include state governments, public schools, and higher education institutions. MELTA also works in partnership with government-linked companies agencies as well as other stakeholders invested in English language education.

### **INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

At present, MELTA has an agreement with 15 ELT organisations. These partnerships provide cross-border opportunities for MELTA members to network and take part in discourse beyond national lines as the Asian region as a whole grapples with the advancement of English Language education and the complexities therein.

# MELTA Representatives at International Conferences

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### Conference

Dr. Azleena Mohamad

English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC)

Tam Lye Suan

Millennia Comms.

Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr. Cynthia Doss

Taylor's University

**28th NELTA International Conference 2024, Nepal** (17-19 February 2024)

Dr. Joanna Joseph Jeyaraj

Universiti Putra Malaysia

20th Annual CamTESOL Conference on English Language Teaching, Cambodia

(23-25 February 2024)

**Dr. Lim Jia Wei** Universiti Malaya

Jiliversiti Malaya

58th RELC International Conference, Singapore

(11-13 March 2024)

**Dr. Sharmini A/P Siva Vikaraman**English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC)

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31st Korea TESOL International Conference, South Korea (27-28 April 2024)

Ms. Swee Yuen Ling

SJKC New Kopisan

2024 Global English Education China Assembly, China

(25-28 July 2024)

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cecilia Cheong Yin Mei

Universiti Malaya

63rd JACET International Convention, Japan

(27-30 August 2024)

Assoc. Prof. Dr Nooreen Binti Noordin,

Universiti Putra Malaysia

70th TEFLIN – 17th CONAPLIN International Conference, Indonesia

(23-25 October 2024)

Dr. Szarmilaa Dewie Krishnan

English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC)

33rd International Symposium on English Language Teaching and Learning ETA-ROC, Yuan Ze University & TESPA, Taiwan

(9-10 November 2024)

Pn Noor Azlinda binti Zainal Abidin

Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah

JALT 2024 International Conference, Japan

(15-18 November 2024)

Dr David Tchaikovsky Teh Boon Ern

Institut Perguruan Bahasa Antarabangsa

**11th International Conference of BELTA, Bangladesh** (6-7 December 2024)









# International Partners at the 2024 MELTA Conference

Partners	Affiliation
PROFESSOR AHMED BASHIR University Of Dhaka, Bangladesh	BELTA
<b>PROFESSOR YE ZHU</b> Shanghai International Studies University, China	China Daily
KHARASHASH BAZARKHAN Mongol Aspiration International School, Mongolia	ELTAM
ANDY LEUNG YIU-NAM Soochow University, Taiwan	ETA-ROC
PROFESSOR YOSHIHITO KAMAKURA Aichi University, Japan	JACET
PROFESSOR GEORGE ROBERT MACLEAN University of the Ryukyus, Japan	JALT
PROFESSOR DR. LAXMAN GNAWALI School Of Education Kathmandu University, Nepal	NELTA
<b>DR. HJALMAR P. HERNANDEZ</b> University of the Philippines Los Baños, Philippines	PALT
<b>DR. ZHANG WEIYU</b> RELC, Singapore	RELC
NI LUH NYOMAN SERI MALINI Udayana University, Indonesia	TEFLIN
AP DR. PARIWAT IMSA-ARD, Thammasat University, Thailand	THAI TESOL

# MELTA Committee



# Committee Meeting Attendance Record 2024

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AP Dr. R. Sivabala Naidu (RSN)	<b>S</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>•</b>	<b>S</b>
Dr Lim Jia Wei (UW)	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>			
Dr. Azleena Mohamad (AM)	<b>⊘</b>				
Dr. Szarmilaa Dewie Krishnan (SD)	<b>✓</b>	<b>♥</b>			
Dr Warid Mihat (WM)	<b>♥</b>				
AP Dr Ramesh Nair (RN)	<b>♥</b>	<b>♥</b>		<b>S</b>	
Dr Joanna Joseph Jeyaraj (JJ)	<b>♥</b>	<b>♥</b>		<b>S</b>	
Mr. Thurairaja Sunmokasudram (TS)	<b>✓</b>				
Ms. Salma Abdul Razak (SR)	<b>♥</b>	<b>♥</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>
Datin Dr. Thusha Rani K.Rajendra	<b>V</b>	<b>♥</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	×
Asst. Prof. Dr. Tiong Ngee Derk	×	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	X	
Ms. Lashana Moorthy	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>		<b>♥</b>	
Ms. Noor Azlinda Zainal Abidin	<b>V</b>	<b>♥</b>		X	
AP Dr. Ainul Azmin Md. Zamin	<b>⊘</b>				
Mr. David Tchaikovsky Teh Boon Ern	<b>V</b>	<b>♥</b>		<b>♥</b>	<b>✓</b>
Mr. Wong Tee Wei					

# MELTA Membership

Years	Life Members	Ordinary Members	Institutional Membership	Total
2024	880	383	0	1263
2023	857	361	0	1218
2022	848	306	0	1154
2021	832	363	0	1195
2020	812	283	0	1095
2019	809	106	2	917
2018	794	154	2	950
2017	740	233	2	975
2016	735	183	4	922
2015	727	215	6	948
2014	710	164	5	879
2013	697	177	5	879
2012	693	126	6	825
2011	671	124	4	745
2010	662	193	5	860
2009	698	114	1	713
2008	580	158	1	739
2007	545	114	6	665
2006	530	124	4	181







Dr Premalatha Na Deputy Director



Dr. Hyginus Lester Junior Lee



Chang Yee Shee



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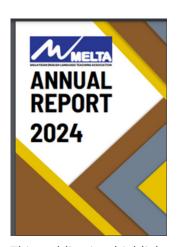
### **Publication Bureau**

The MELTA Publication Bureau's primary objective is to share the opinions, thoughts and narratives of scholars, academicians and educators of the most recent advancements in the field of teaching and learning English. In addition, the many interesting narratives from the English language classrooms are also published with the aim of sharing these nuggets of wisdom, humour and at times, life lessons to readers from various backgrounds.

The MELTA Annual, Teachers' Voices and the MELTA USM Series are part of the publications from the Publication Bureau for 2024.

### The MELTA Annual



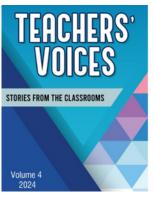


This publication highlights MELTA's activities for 2024. In addition to bureau activities, it focuses on the 32nd MELTA International Conference and MIRCELE (online) 2024, as well as reporting the activities of the various Chapters and providing a comprehensive financial report.

### Teachers' Voices (Volume 4, 2024)



The fourth edition of this e-book encompassed the narratives of experiences from educators which centred on the themes of resilience, new practices, pedagogy strategies, and even matters of the heart.





The 32nd MELTA International Conference e-Programme Book



This publication focused on the 32nd MELTA International Conference which was held in September 2024 at the Brickfield Asia College in Petaling Jaya.

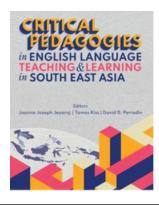
Critical Pedagogies in English Language Teaching and Learning in South East Asia Editors: Joanna Joseph Jayaraj, Tamas Kiss & David D. Perrodin USM Press & MELTA

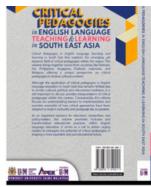


This book explores the dynamic field of critical pedagogies in South East Asia with unique perspectives from various scholars within this region.









In conclusion, for the year 2025 it's the bureau's fervent hope that more publications could be rolled out, and further enhance the role of the bureau in disseminating information, narratives and research data from educators besides supporting other publication needs for MELTA.







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## **Teacher Journal**



Throughout the year, The English Teacher journal published three issues. These publications featured a range of articles, research papers, and practical teaching resources, contributing to the

ongoing professional development of English language teachers. The journal continues to be a vital resource for educators seeking to enhance their teaching practices and stay informed about the latest developments in the field. We are pleased to announce that The English Teacher is in the process of being indexed in the Scopus database. Additionally, the Malaysian Journal of ELT Research published two issues last year. This journal serves as a platform for disseminating highquality research in the field of English language teaching, supporting the academic community. The published research helps to advance our understanding effective of teaching methodologies and provides evidence-based insights that can be applied in educational settings.

Overall, 2024 was a productive year for the MELTA Bureau of Journals. Our successful workshops and significant contributions to academic publications have reinforced our role in supporting and advancing the field of English language teaching and research. In 2025, we look forward to introducing more sections, such as book/software review in the journals. We look forward to continuing our efforts in the coming years, striving to provide valuable resources and opportunities for professional growth to our community.

### Prepared by: **Director, MELTA Journals Bureau**

### **Journal Bureau**

In 2024, the MELTA Bureau of Journals successfully conducted four key activities, significantly contributing to the field of English language teaching and research. These activities were diverse and impactful, reflecting our commitment to professional development and academic excellence.

Firstly, in September, we held a physical workshop during the 32nd MELTA International Conference. This workshop was led by our esteemed editor-in-chief, Dr. Azlin (MaJER), and Dr. Cecilia (The English Teacher). The event facilitated in-depth discussions and hands-on activities. significantly enhancing the professional development of attendees. The face-to-face interaction allowed for a richer exchange of ideas and experiences, further strengthening our community of educators.

### 12th MIRCELE **Online 2024**





December, delivered an online workshop as part of the MIRCELE Online 2024 event. This workshop was conducted our dedicated administrative editors,

Dr. Wee Chun (MaJER) and Dr. Paul (The English The session was well-received, Teacher). providing valuable insights and practical guidance to participants, and demonstrating our ability to adapt to virtual platforms while

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# **Bureau Reports**





Ms Auzella Kristin Mozihin Deputy Director

# **Special Projects Bureau**

The Special Projects Bureau serves as a platform for MELTA to undertake additional language-based projects that enhance English language learning and teaching nationwide. In 2024, the bureau successfully executed two major projects:

### Ganakumaran Subramaniam Project-Based Learning Competition





Held in conjunction with the 32nd MELTA International Conference, this competition took place on 14th September 2024 via the Google Meet online platform. The event was a resounding success, with 43 teams participating -31 secondary school teams and 12 primary school teams. The competition saw strong engagement from students and teacher advisors, bolstered by support from the Ministry of Education Malaysia. Winners for the primary school category hailed from Sarawak, Selangor, and Perak, while the secondary school winners represented Negeri Sembilan, Selangor, and Thailand. Positive feedback was received from participants, highlighting the competition's effectiveness in fostering project-based learning skills.

### ConQuest: The Great Speech Challenge 2024







Co-organised in partnership with International University (QIU), this national-level public speaking competition was held on 12th October 2024. The preliminary and semi-final rounds involved participants submitting video recordings for evaluation by a panel of judges. From these submissions, eight finalists from across Malaysia were selected to compete in a face-to-face final round at Quest International University. The competition provided a valuable platform for students to enhance their public speaking and persuasive communication skills. Both events successfully met their objectives of promoting English proficiency, critical thinking, and student engagement. The Special Projects Bureau looks forward to continuing its efforts in advancing English language education through innovative and impactful programs in the coming years.

For further details or proposals on MELTA's Special Projects, please contact:

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Prepared by: Mr Thurairaja Sunmokasudram Director, MELTA Special Projects Bureau









Jane Chai En-Huey



Dr. Nur Rasyidah Nohd Nordin



Mohd Shafeirul Zaman Abd Maji Lead of EduTechs

### **Special Interest Groups Bureau**

At MELTA, we recognize that our members have diverse interests. To cater to these, we support the establishment of Special Interest Groups (SIGs), offering valuable opportunities for continuous professional development. At present, MELTA has three SIGs.

### **TEDBET Lead:** Noor Azlinda Zainal Abidin

TEDBET (Teacher Development for Beginning English Teachers) is a support network for ELT practitioners with less than a decade of teaching experience. Each year, the group has traditionally organized two major activities: CHILD (Camp House for Innovative Language Development) and the Best English Practices Webinar (BeEP). Additionally, TEDBET runs a WhatsApp group where members engage in discussions on professional development. In 2024, in collaboration with the Training Unit, TEDBET hosted a webinar on career growth for English teachers. En Zanurin was invited as a guest speaker to present on "Developing Excellence as English Language Teachers," a session that received positive feedback, especially from teachers striving professional recognition. The webinar attracted approximately 135 participants.



En Zanurin, the guest speaker of our first SIG and Training Webinar on "Developing Excellence as English Language Teachers

**EduTechs:** Mohd Shefeirul Zaman Abd Majid

EduTechs is a community of classroom practitioners dedicated to integrating technology into teaching. This Special Interest Group (SIG) organizes webinars to introduce members to the latest educational apps and technologies that can enhance and accelerate language learning. For those looking to stay updated with the fast-evolving world of educational technology, EduTechs is the ideal SIG to join.

### WritESL: Dr Nur Rashidah Mohd Nordin

Writing in English doesn't have to be a challenge—join our ESL writing community and discover resources that make second-language writing a rewarding journey. Our mission is to highlight the importance of ESL writing, support the teaching of various genres in tertiary education, and advance research in second-language writing.

In 2024, the SIG Bureau had two meetings and below were the outcomes of the meetings:

- 1.To invite all registered members to join an SIG. The SIG leader has created a whatsapp group to cater the MELTA members who have the same interest in the related areas.
- 2.To organize webinars or knowledge sharing sessions.

We aspire for your involvement in MELTA SIGs, whether as a leader or member, to contribute to your professional development as part of the MELTA community.

Prepared by: Ms Noor Azlinda Zainal Abidin Director, MELTA Special Interest Groups Bureau









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Wan Mohd Suhairi bin Abdullah Saimi Technical Support



Siti Noor Haslina binti Md Lati Technical Support



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### **Technologies Bureau**

In MELTA, the Technologies Bureau holds the responsibilities to provide technical support and advice to other bureaus while promoting MELTA conferences, activities and programmes on the social media platforms to the public. Some of the major activities handled by the bureau in 2024 include:

# Website Setup for the 32nd MELTA International Conference and 12th MELTA International Research Conference in English Language Education (MIRCELE)

 The team provided technical assistance in setting up the website for the 32nd MELTA International Conference and the 12th MIRCELE. This included website design, content creation - guest speakers' posters and countdowns, and ensuring smooth user navigation.

### **Pre-Conference Event Management**

 Our team was responsible for setting up rooms for the pre-conference event, the Gunakumaran Subramaniam Project-Based Learning Competition, which involved participating primary and secondary schools from Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, and Indonesia. This encompassed coordinating with the PBL committee, setting up necessary technology and a platform for smooth virtual competition, and ensuring a comfortable environment for the participants and viewers.

### **Webinar Assistance for Training Bureau**

 We supported the Training Bureau, conducting continuous professional development webinars for English teachers and educators. Our role involved providing technical guidance, preparing posters, designing e-certificates, and ensuring a seamless virtual experience for all participants.





### Official MELTA Socials Setup and Exertion (Instagram and Facebook)

• The bureau created an official MELTA Instagram (IG) on April 5, 2024, and gained 37 followers. About 137 posts had been shared on MELTA socials regarding 2024 MELTA conferences, publications, invitation posters represent MELTA. and celebrations wishing posters. MELTA's Facebook page gained followers and 8,000 likes, and its posts reached 5591 in 2024.

### **Moving Forward:**

 Our team plans to continue using StreamYard and Microsoft accounts for our operations. These platforms have proven to be reliable and efficient for our needs. Maintaining the use of these tools will allow us to continue delivering high-quality service and support in our future endeavours. Besides, we intend to actively share MELTA's efforts and aspirations worldwide through MELTA's socials. This report reflects our commitment leveraging technology to enhance our operations and services. We look forward to another productive year ahead.

Prepared by: Ms Salma Abdul Razak Director, MELTA Technologies Bureau







Assoc. Prof. Dr Ainul Azmin Md Zamin

Dr Sharmini Siva Vikaraman

### **Training Bureau**

The pertinent role of the MELTA training bureau is to assist in designing, developing, and delivering training programmes that enhance the skills and knowledge of language professionals.

Developing Excellence as English Language Teachers Webinar by Mr. Zanurin Mohamad Safar (Winner of Hyacinth Gaudart 2023)



The Training Bureau teamed up with the SIG unit to organise an online webinar entitled "Developing Excellence as English Language Teachers." MELTA was deeply honoured to have Mr. Zanurin Mohamad Safar as the speaker for the motivational talk on 13 October 2024. As the recipient of the Hyacinth Gaudart Outstanding English Teacher Award, Mr. Zanurin shared his wisdom gleaned from his 30-year experience as an English Language Teacher. A total of 135 attendees were recorded, reflecting a positive response from our comrades in schools and institutions all over Malaysia.



Online Webinar on 13 October 2024 delivered by Mr. Zanurin Muhamad Safar

The Director of Training contributed to other activities related to MELTA:

- Coordinated the Abstract Selection and Review Committee for MELTA Conference 2024
- Attended a meeting with UBSM to discuss potential joint-venture project.

Teachers' Voices (Volume 4, 2024)





MELTA, in collaboration with Scholastic Asia's Literacy Boost Programme, is helping to realise the nation's target to help increase the literacy rate among our students in Malaysia. The director attended and was directly involved in the preliminary meeting with Scholastic Asia. Other online meetings took place with the involvement of the training bureau. The Scholastic Asia's Literacy Boost Programme will commence in the states of Selangor and Johore at the beginning of March 2025. The training bureau helped to identify potential candidates from all around the country, to shortlist their names to become trainers for the programme. The programme is ongoing.

Prepared by: Assoc. Prof. Dr Ainul Azmin Md Zamin Director, MELTA Training Bureau





Dr David Tchaikovsky Teh Boon Ern



Dr Steffi Tan Shih May Deputy Director 1



Chin Li Yuen
Deputy Director 2



Wan Alisa Hanis binti Wan Abdul Halim

### **Research & Development Bureau**

The Malaysia English Language Teaching Association (MELTA) Research and Development (R&D) Bureau has made significant strides over the past year in advancing the association's digital infrastructure, optimizing its membership processes, and restructuring its operations to better support research and educational innovations. This report provides a detailed account of our key achievements, the challenges faced, and our future directions.

### **Development of the Membership Database:**

A major milestone achieved by the R&D Bureau this year is the development of a Membership Database, designed to replace the existing system that relied on Google Forms and Google Sheets. The new database enhances membership management by offering a more structured and user-friendly interface, ensuring greater efficiency in record-keeping and data retrieval.

Key Features and Benefits:

- Streamlined Operations: The centralized database enables real-time access to updated membership records, reducing administrative workload and improving data accuracy.
- Improved Candidate Identification: The database facilitates the selection of suitable candidates for various MELTA activities, including conference representation, master training programs, and research leadership roles.
- Data Security and Privacy: The new system ensures that members' personal information is securely stored, reducing the risk of data breaches that were possible with the previous spreadsheet-based

system.

 Integration Capabilities: Designed to be scalable, the database allows future integration with other digital tools to further enhance MELTA's operational efficiency.

Moving forward, additional refinements will be made to the system to incorporate more analytical tools for tracking membership engagement and contribution patterns, which will further strengthen MELTA's ability to involve its members effectively. We strongly recommend and encourage all members to update their details and academic portfolio on the new membership database, which would make it easier for us to reach out to you when opportunities to represent MELTA at various academic engagements arise.

### Development of a MELTA-Exclusive Digital Ecosystem:

A key focus of the R&D Bureau has been reducing MELTA's dependence on third-party digital platforms such as Google and Microsoft, which posed both security risks and financial constraints. In response, the bureau has spearheaded the development of a MELTA-exclusive digital ecosystem tailored to the needs of the association.

### **Achievements:**

 Official Email Channels: Dedicated email accounts have been established for all major committees and bureau leads, enhancing internal communication and data security.

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- Enhanced Data Protection: By shifting away from a proprietary digital ecosystem, MELTA has strengthened the security of its confidential information, reducing exposure to third-party platforms. All data and information entrusted to MELTA are now stored securely on MELTA-owned databases.
- Scalability for Future Growth: The foundational structure of this ecosystem enables MELTA to expand its digital capabilities to support a range of association functions, including:
  - Journals and Publications Management: A dedicated system for handling manuscript submissions, peer reviews, and editorial processes.
  - Event Management: A digital interface for handling conference registrations, abstract submissions, and participant engagement.
  - Special Interest Groups (SIGs): A platform that allows members to collaborate on specific research and educational topics.
  - R&D Project Management: A structured system for overseeing ongoing research projects, facilitating collaboration, and ensuring accountability.

Future developments will focus on expanding this ecosystem to incorporate learning management system (LMS) capabilities, an innovation repository, and a digital library to further empower MELTA members. Future plans include the establishment of a mentorship program that connects early-career researchers with seasoned experts in the field of English language education.

The past year has been a transformative period for the MELTA R&D Bureau. Through the development of a Membership Database, the establishment of a MELTA-exclusive digital ecosystem, and the restructuring of the bureau, we have laid a strong foundation for future growth and innovation. Moving forward, our focus will be on refining these initiatives, expanding research collaborations, and foster-

ing a culture of continuous learning and innovation within MELTA.

As we advance into the next year, the R&D Bureau remains committed to driving MELTA's research and development agenda, ensuring that the association continues to be a leader in English language education in Malaysia and beyond.

For further details on MELTA's Research and Development Bureau, please contact:

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### **Chapters Bureau**

### Celebrating the Achievements of our MELTA Chapters

As the Director and Assistant Director for MELTA Chapters, we are thrilled to highlight the incredible work being done by our chapters across the country. Your dedication, passion, and commitment to advancing English language education continue to inspire us.

Over the past months, we have witnessed outstanding initiatives led by our chapters, from engaging workshops and professional development programs to meaningful community outreach efforts. Many chapters have gone the extra mile by collaborating with key stakeholders, including state education officers, local universities, and other educational organizations. These partnerships have strengthened the impact of your programs, fostering greater knowledge-sharing, networking, and support within the education community.

It is truly encouraging to see such proactive efforts in building bridges between educators, students, and policymakers. Your ability to engage with various bodies and work together towards a shared vision of enhancing English language education speaks volumes about the strength and influence of MELTA chapters.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the chapter leaders, committee members, and volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to making these initiatives successful. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly proud of what you have accomplished.

As we move forward, we encourage all chapters to continue their fantastic work, seek new opportunities for collaboration, and create even more impactful programs. Let's make 2025 another year of growth, innovation, and meaningful contributions to the field of education!

Keep shining, keep inspiring!



# Pahang Chapter



### **Activity 1**

### **Spelling Competition & Public Speaking**

Date: 3rd February 2024 (Saturday)

Venue: Masjid Tepian Putra

MELTA Pahang Chapter as invitational juries. Programme organized by Masjid Tepian Putra.







### **Activity 2**

### Let's Talk Like A Star

**Date:** 13 February 2024 (Tuesday) **Venue:** Masjid Tepian Putra

Let's Talk Like A Star by Madam Suhaila Hj

Mukhtar







### **Activity 3**

Date: 13 February 2024 (Tuesday)

Venue: Regent International

School

MELTA Pahang Chapter as invitational juries. Programme organized by Regent International School

## Earth Day Everyday









### **Activity 4**

Date: 10th July 2024 (Thursday) &

15th August 2024

Venue: UCYP University

Funded by AS Hornby Scholarship, Coventry, England with Showcase & Closing Ceremony on August 15,

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### Rhyme-Based Teaching Methodology and Material Development Training













# Pahang Chapter



### **Activity 5**

### **Profesor Turun Padang Programme**

**Date:** 18 September 2024 (Wednesday) **Venue:** Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan

Abdullah





### **Activity 6**

### Let's Rhyme

Date: 19 September 2024 (Thursday)

Venue: Masjid Tepian Putra



# Kota Kinabalu Chapter



A Professional Discourse: Opportunities & Challenges in Implementing the CEFR-Aligned English Language Curriculum

Date: 18 October 2024 (Friday)

**Organised by:** MELTA Kota Kinabalu Chapter

**In collaboration with:** Language Department, IPGM Kampus Gaya, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. **Participants:** 28 TESL Pre-service teachers ( Year 4 semester 1 in their degree programme)

10 TESL lecturers from the language department, IPGM Kampus Gaya **Speaker:** Mr. Jester Daniel Jayes, English teacher, SK St. Benedict Ranau.

### **Programme Objectives:**

- To give a chance for pre-service TESL teachers and TESL lecturers to hear about the realities of teaching the English language from a practicing English language teacher.
- To provide useful input to the participants on how to implement suitable lessons in the CEFRaligned English language curriculum, particularly in the challenging, rural contexts in Sabah.
- To help participants keep abreast with the latest development in the teaching of English in government schools and particularly in Sabah.
- To organise a value-added programme to the final year B. Teaching (TESL) students, particularly as they study the subject of TSLB 3163 Curriculum Studies.

### **Summary**

The programme started with an introduction to the programme and the speaker given by Dr. Ong Wei Ann @ Harold, MELTA KK Chapter treasurer. Next, Mr. Jester took over and gave a very insightful sharing to the participants as he shared about his years of teaching English in rural, mountainous, and island settings in the north and centre of Sabah. He discussed some of the strategies he used to teach the KSSR English Language Syllabus, such as contextual and differentiated the learning, with fellow participants. He also shared some of the other programmes that he was involved in, such as indigenous pedagogy programmes, Bimbingan (MoLib) and also on classroom-based assessment, which gave the participants useful information on some of the programmes which are relevant in the teaching of English in both in Malaysia and particularly in Sabah.

His sharing was very beneficial to the participants, who were about to head out to school for their 2nd phase of practicum in

February and subsequently their first school posting in the second half of the year. The students have also posed many questions to the speaker, particularly on meeting the needs of learners in the English language classroom and the challenges in teaching English in a rural setting. The lecturers also posed questions on Molib and prompted the speaker to share more about indigenous pedagogy for English Language Teaching. For the lecturers, it was a golden chance to hear more about the challenges faced by English teachers on the ground so that they can better prepare pre-service teachers to the reality of teaching English in our country. The programme was a multiway interaction which has given all participants a productive and insightful afternoon.

The programme ended with the presentation of certificates given by Ms. Ease Chang, MELTA Kota Kinabalu Chapter Leader, accompanied by Ms. Juliana Johari, Head of the Language Department, IPGM Kampus Gaya.

# Kota Kinabalu Chapter



BAYU SUMORIBAU 2.0 - SPM English Webinar with SPM candidates

Date: 11 & 23 December 2024

In collaboration with: Sabah State Education Department

**Speakers:** 

- Speaking: Mr. Ahmad Taufik bin Muhd. Tahir, SMKA TDML, Papar, Sabah
- Listening: Madam Nurhidayah Hamzah, SMKA Kimanis, Papar, Sabah.
- Reading: Madam Lily Natasha Abdullah, SMK Tebobon, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
- Writing: Mr. Zanurin bin Muhammad Safar, SMK Sultan Badlishah, Kulim, Kedah

### **Programme Objectives:**

- To share T&L activities for SPM students with teachers.
- To help SPM students to do final preparation before the exam.
- To support the implementation of digital education policy.

### **Summary**

The MELTA Kota Kinabalu Chapter, in collaboration with JPN Sabah and AYU Akademik, successfully conducted a series of free webinars aimed at helping students prepare for the SPM English examination. These sessions were open to all students and designed to provide comprehensive revision support.

Each webinar was broadcast live for two hours and featured interactive learning sessions led by an experienced speaker, with a moderator facilitating the discussion. Four students participated in the session, engaging in lessons and discussions, while viewers had the opportunity to ask questions in real-time through a dedicated Q&A segment.

The webinars served as a virtual, hands-on SPM English seminar, allowing students to actively engage in final preparation strategies. The sessions were well-received, garnering an average viewership of approximately 3,600 per webinar, reflecting a strong interest and participation from students across the region.

# Kelantan Chapter



MIRCELE 12th MELTA International Research Conference In English Language Education

Date: 14 December 2024 (Saturday)

**Organiser:** MELTA **Committee Members:** 

- Madam Hanis Kamarudin (MIRCELE e-Programme Book)
- Dr. Liyana Ahmad Afip (MIRCELE Moderator)
- Dr. Nurul Iman Ahmad Bukhari (MIRCELE Moderator)

### **Programme Objectives:**

- To foster academic and professional engagement among English language teaching professionals from various institutions.
- To enhance the research culture in English language education by encouraging knowledge-sharing and scholarly discussions.
- To strengthen the collaboration between MELTA chapters and the national committee through active participation in academic events.

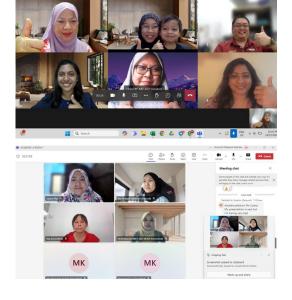
### **Summary**

The Kelantan Chapter of MELTA played an active role in the 12th MELTA International Research Conference in English Language Education (MIRCELE) by serving as committee and moderators for various academic sessions. This conference, organised annually by MELTA, serves as a key platform for researchers and educators to discuss emerging English language teaching and learning.

During the event, Dr. Liyana and Dr. Nurul Iman took on the responsibility of moderating parallel sessions, ensuring the smooth flow of presentations and fostering meaningful discussions among participants. Madam Hanis took on the responsibility of completing the programme eBook for MIRCELE 2024.

Their contributions significantly enriched the conference by promoting academic discourse, professional networking, and knowledge-sharing among attendees. Additionally, their involvement strengthened the Kelantan Chapter's visibility within MELTA's national initiatives, reinforcing the chapter's commitment to professional development and engagement in the English language education community.





# Terengganu Chapter



### A Year of Impact and Innovation

2024 was a game-changer! The MELTA Terengganu Chapter went full throttle in championing English language education through the BEST English Schools of Terengganu initiative under the **Highly Immersive Programme (HIP)**. With students, teachers, and schools at the heart of our mission, we transformed classrooms into dynamic English-speaking hubs, making learning fun, engaging, and immersive.





From One Act Plays to Storyboard Competitions and Innovative Teaching Showcases, as well as our collaboration with UMT for Hari Inovasi 4.0, we pushed boundaries, sparked creativity, and inspired

excellence. Our journey wasn't without challenges, but we thrived—empowering educators, igniting student confidence, and strengthening community collaboration.



### Strategic Partnerships, Sustainable Growth











Looking ahead, we're set to amplify our impact with bigger ideas, more expertise, and stronger collaborations! Partnering with JPNT, UMT, UniSZA, UiTM Dungun, and IPG KDRI, we're bringing more brains to the table to elevate professional development for Terengganu's English teachers. With a powerhouse of educators, researchers, and industry experts, we'll drive cutting-edge training, fresh pedagogical insights, and dynamic learning experiences—because when great minds unite, English education in Terengganu reaches new heights!

# Terengganu Chapter



### Advancing Quality Education with SDGs

- 328 entries submitted
- Students from Year 2-6 participated from 352 schools
- Terengganu, Sabah, Negeri Sembilan, and Pahang schools
- 3 volumes of compiled storyboards
- 16 finalists shortlisted for the One Act Play Competition

The Storyboard National Competition and One Act Play State Level Competition (Jan–May 2024) foster-

### **National Storyboard Competition**











ed creativity and environmental awareness, aligning with SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 14 (Life Below Water).



# Drama to Promote In-Class and Out-of-Class Activities

- 16 schools from eight districts in Terengganu
- 240 students directly engaged
- Grand Finale was held in Universiti Malaysia Terengganu
- 4 schools were invited to perform at KTCC Shopping Mall during World Oceans Week 2024

### **One-Act Play Competition**









# 32nd MELTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

### **Conference Report**



### Delegates & Presentations



Venue: Brickfields Asia College (BAC), Petaling

Jaya, Kuala Lumpur

Date: 21-22 September 2024

**Conference Partners:** SCHOLASTICS **Head of Conference Secretariat:** Mr Thurairaja Sunmokasudram

**Conference Delegates: 208** 

**Total Conference Presentations: 123** 

Keynote: 2Plenary: 2Papers: 92Workshops: 11Showcases: 16

### **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 theme of the 32nd MELTA International Conference is: *From Promise to Practice: Delivering Quality English Language Education.* 

### **Objectives**

The 32nd MELTA International Conference aimed to discuss and deliberate on theoretical ideals and practical implementation in the evolving English Language education landscape. The conference explored how commitments made by stakeholders in English Language Teaching (ELT) translate into effective classroom practices and examined the challenges that hinder the successful implementation of initiatives to advance English language education locally and globally.



The 32nd MELTA International Conference also held a pre-conference competition on 14th September 2024

### Ganakumaran Subramaniam Project-Based Learning Competition



• 43 teams participated:

31 secondary, 12 primary schools.

• Primary school winners:

1st: SK St Luke (M), Sarawak 2nd: SK Seksyen 13, Shah Alam 3rd: SJK(C) New Kopisan, Perak.

• Secondary school winners:

1st: SMK Seremban 3, Negeri Sembilan 2nd: SMK Kuala Kubu Baru, Selangor 3rd: Samsenwittayalai School, Thailand





### Conference Competitions & Awards:



**Hyacinth Gaudarth Award:** Jennedy Bin Pungawon

**Basil Wijayasuriya Best Teacher Presenter Award Winner:**Kamariah Binti Awang

Malachi Edwin Creative Teacher Showcase Winners:

1st: Anita Kalimuthu 2nd: Saline A/P Gunalan 3rd: Joan Saw Rou Yan

### Conclusion

The 32nd MELTA International Conference was a resounding success, bringing together experts, educators, and researchers to engage in meaningful discussions on advancing English language education. The well-organized registration, scheduling, and communication ensured smooth operations throughout the event. The online system significantly enhanced efficiency, and the advance payment policy helped secure participation.

The conference successfully met its objectives of fostering collaboration and sharing insights on effective ELT practices. The feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the relevance and impact of the sessions. Moving forward, MELTA should continue to refine its processes to further improve future conferences, ensuring continued growth and engagement in the ELT community.



# 12th MELTA

# INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION

### **Conference Report**



Venue: Online

**Date:** 7 November 2024 (Pre-Conference) 14 November 2024 (Online conference)

Chairperson: Dr. Warid Mihat Head of Conference Secretariat:

Dr David Tchaikovsky

## Keynotes, Plenary & Workshop

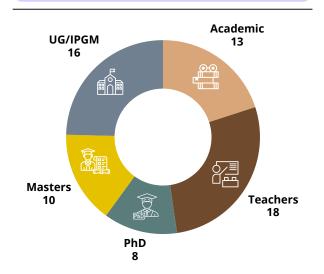


**Conference Participants:** 243 **Total Conference Presentations:** 65

- Keynote: 1Plenary: 7
- Workshops: 1

### Category Breakdown





### **Gold Award Winners**

### **Academic**

- 1. Rita Wong Mee Mee\*, Lim Seong Pek, Fatin Syamilah Che Yob, & Muhammad Fairuz Abd Rauf - *National Defence University of Malaysia*\*
- 2. Kumutha Raman *Inti International University* 3. Henry E. Lemana II Walailak University

### **Teachers**

- 1. Shafika Ameera Binti Salleh\*, Muhammad Syafiq Bin Rosdi, & Salbiah Bt Mohamed Salleh - *SM Sains Pasir Puteh, Kelantan*
- 2. Muhammad Ikram Bin Alias\*, Farah Aifaa Binti Mayuni, Shushma Devi A/P Piaralal, & Hafizah Shazwani Binti Ithnin - *SMK Raja Permaisuri Bainun\**, *Perak*
- 3. Kanggatheren A/L Manogaran *SMK Krian, Perak*

### PhD

1. Marcus Kho Gee Whai\* & Ting Su Hie - Politeknik Kuching Sarawak\*

### Master

1. No gold award winners

### Undergraduate/IPGM

- 1. Vasugi Sagi & Lee Huan Yik- *Universiti Teknologi Malaysia*
- 2. Toh Jia Qian, Shanna Lee, & Wong Tze Peng University of Nottingham Malaysia

## Report on the 12th MELTA International Conference 2024





Need some ideas for your Hadiah Latihan Persekutuan (HLP)
application or for your next research project?

Join our Research Talk for more inspiration!







The 12th MELTA International Conference 2024 was conducted online, with the pre-conference session held on 7th December 2024 and the main conference on 14th December 2024. The event was chaired by Dr. Warid Mihat, with Dr. David Tchaikovsky serving as the Secretariat.

The conference witnessed robust participation and a diverse range of presentations compared to 2022. It provided a platform for academics, teachers, and undergraduates/IPGM at various levels to share their research, insights, and innovative practices in English language teaching. The online format facilitated a broader reach, allowing participants from different regions to engage and collaborate effectively.

The pre-conference session on 7th December 2024 set the stage for the main event, offering preliminary discussions and networking opportunities. The topics chosen for the pre-conference were related to English and Indigenous People, ECO-ELT, CALL, Corpus Linguistics, and Language Policy, delivered by five rising ELT scholars. The pre-conference itself was free and attended by more than 500 participants.

The main conference on 14th December 2024 featured a comprehensive schedule of presentations, fostering a dynamic and enriching exchange of ideas. The keynote was presented by YBrs. Dr. Shamsudin Mohamed, Deputy Director of the Education Policy Planning and Research Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia. This was followed by two plenary presentations by by Dr. Shakina Rajendram from the University of Toronto, Canada, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gumawang Jati from Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia. During the main event, 243 participants and presenters from Malaysia, China, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Bangladesh were welcomed. The diverse perspectives brought by international attendees significantly enrich-



ed discussions and broadened collective understanding. The conference was concluded with a workshop delivered by MELTA's Journals Administrative Editors, Dr. Tan Wee Chun (MaJER) and Dr. Paul Ganaselvam (The English Teacher), on how to publish with MELTA's journals.

Overall, the 12th MELTA International Conference 2024 was a significant success, contributing to the advancement of English language education through professional development, research, and advocacy. The diverse presentations and active participation underscored the conference's role as a vital forum for the English language teaching community.

### MALAYSIAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	RM	RM
Membership Subscription:		
Ordinary membership		16,520.00
Institutional membership		-
Life membership		6,610.00
		23,130.00
Add Other income:		
Interest income from Fixed Deposits		7,376.43
MELTA Conference income:		
Booth rental		1,150.00
Donation through purchase of book		931.00
Registration		35,033.09
Sponsorship		10,400.00
MIRCELE Conference income:		
Registration		6,401.88
Sponsorship		500.00
-,		61,792.40
Less expenditure:		
Strategic planning meeting		15,922.00
Accountancy fees		3,600.00
Bank charges		13.00
Chapter and Journal account expenses (Note 5)		880.20
Conference account expenses (Note 6)		76,389.65
Courier charges		54.10
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		224.04
Electricity charges		194.06
Gifts and condolences (Note 7)		250.00
Indah water charges		240.00
Office maintenance fee		737.22
Publication expenses		3,000.00
Quit rent		439.20
Refund of membership registration fee		10.00
Staff salary		6,000.00
Subscription fees (Note 8)		2,392.89
Telephone charges		1,431.85
Travelling claims (Note 9)		2,041.55
Maintenance of association and journal websites (Note 10)		11,226.10
Water charges		432.00
Total expenditure		125,477.86
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(40,555.46)

## MALAYSIAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	RM
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
Property, plant and equipment (Note 1)	180,255.76
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<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
CIMB Bank Equine Park (Account no.: 80-0996971-8) - Chapter	9,186.75
CIMB Bank Equine Park (Account no.: 80-0996982-5) - Conference	94,007.68
CIMB Bank Equine Park (Account no.: 80-0996989-9) - General	9,579.38
Fixed deposits (Note 2)	400,000.00
Sundry deposits (Note 3)	2,853.00
Total current assets	515,626.81
TOTAL ASSETS	695,882.57
FINANCED BY	
Accumulated funds as at 1 January 2024	705,581.65
Add: Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(40,555.46)
Total accumulated funds	665,026.19
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	
Advanced membership subscription (Note 4)	30,856.38
TOTAL FUND AND LIABILITIES	695,882.57

We report that the above Income and Expenditure Accounts together with the notes as at 31 December 2024 shows a true and fair view of the results and affairs of the Association.

Prof Dr Sivabala Naidu

President

Ms. Tam Lye Suan

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Auditor

**Assoc Prof Dr Ramesh Nair** 

Treasurer

Dr. Rabindra Dev Prasad

Auditor

Date:

### MALAYSIAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSOCIATION NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS			
1. Property, plant and equipment	RM		
i. Leasehold Building	180,000.00		
ii. Printer - Canon laser jet 1,600.00 Less: Accumulated Depreciation 1,344.24	255.76		
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	180,255.76		
2. Fixed Deposits			
Account no. i. Fixed deposits:50096710970001 ii. Fixed deposits:50096710970002 iii. Fixed deposits:50096710970004 iv. Fixed deposits:50096710970005	RM 150,000.00 50,000.00 150,000.00 50,000.00		
TOTAL FIXED DEPOSITS	400,000.00		
3. Sundry Deposits			
Details  i. TNB & Water Deposit  ii. MPSJ Signboard Licence  iii. MPAJ-Business Registration 2014 deposit	RM 2,583.00 90.00 180.00		
TOTAL SUNDRY DEPOSITS	2,853.00		
4. Advanced membership subscription			
Details	RM		
Advanced Membership Subscription are payments which represent funds received for services that will be provided in future periods. The revenue from membership subscriptions is recognized on a pro-rata basis over the membership period, including Lifetime membership, amortized systematically over the expected			
membership duration, based on actuarial estimates or another reasonable method.	30,856.38		

### MALAYSIAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSOCIATION NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 5. Chapter and Journal account expenses

TOTAL GIFT AND CONDOLENCES

Details	RM
i. Bank charges	10.20
ii. Typesetting charges	430.00
iii. Majer copy editing	200.00
iv. Seminar honorarium (Kota Kinabalu Chapter)	240.00
TOTAL CHAPTER ACCOUNT EXPENSES	880.20
6. Conference account expenses	
Details	RM
i. Accommodation charges	13,640.00
ii. Advertisement charges	200.00
iii. Bank charges	12.30
iv. Catering charges	28,140.00
v. Competition prizes	3,000.00
vi. Souvenirs	680.70
Printing charges for conference which includes:	
- buntings/certs/program book/stationeries/etc)	3,996.64
viii. Rental of auditorium	3,000.00
ix. Rental of event space	20,000.00
x. Journals CrossRef subscription fee	1,464.49
xi. Travelling expenses	2,075.52
xii. Videographer charges	180.00
TOTAL CONFERENCE ACCOUNT EXPENSES	76,389.65
7. Gift and condolences	
Details i. Wreath for Dr Grace Lim's mother	RM 250.00
i. Wieaul for Di Grace Lines moulei	250.00

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### MALAYSIAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSOCIATION NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 8. Subscription fees

TOTAL WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

i. Cross reference membership ii. Google iii. Microsoft 365 iv. Senangpay  TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FEES	RM 87.24 101.88 1,879.77 324.00 2,392.89
9. Travelling claims	
i. Claims by Ainul Azmin ii. Claims by Noor Azlinda iii. Claims by Ramesh iv. Claims by Salma v. Claims by Sivabala vi. Claims by Thusna Rani vii. Claims by Tiong Ngee Derk viii. Claims by Warid	RM 81.00 385.00 367.68 294.40 334.92 68.41 103.73 406.41
10. Maintenance of association and journal websites	
i. Exabytes Network Sdn Bhd ii. Maliquest Communication iii. Shinjuru Malaysia	RM 4,193.72 6,527.00 505.38

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