

Annual Report **20 25**



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Association Objectives

01

To promote the teaching & learning of English in Malaysia

02

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

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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

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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

08

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

09

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

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



As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense pride in what we have accomplished together. Our journey through 2025 was marked by significant milestones, including the 33rd MELTA International Conference, a series of impactful webinars, joint projects, international representations, and publications.

The 33rd MELTA International Conference, in particular, stood as our flagship event where educators, researchers, and policymakers converged to share innovative practices shaping the future of English Language Teaching (ELT) both locally and globally. Equally inspiring has been the success of the recent literacy drive empowering 13,000 students across Johor and Selangor by Scholastic and MELTA that highlight the transformative power of collective effort in advancing English language education. As part of its role in fostering research visibility and international scholarly engagement, MELTA successfully coordinated a call for recommendations among members for participation in the AsiaTEFL 2026 Research Network Symposium.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the “human engine” of our association and hence, I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated committee members for their vision and governance, to our chapter leaders for their tireless work on the ground, and to our volunteers who give so generously of their time and talent. Your commitment is the bedrock upon which MELTA’s mission stands.

As we embark on the year ahead, I invite you to continue this journey with renewed vigour. Let us work together to bridge gaps, embrace new technologies, and, most importantly, add lasting value to English language education in Malaysia.

PROF. DR. SIVABALA NAIDU
President, MELTA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



National and International Partnerships

To advance English Language Teaching (ELT) and provide members with a collaborative platform for knowledge exchange, MELTA actively maintains a robust network of both national and international partnerships.

At national level, MELTA collaborates with a diverse array of public and private entities. Notably, the Ministry of Education, Malaysia, has served as a foundational supporter since our founding. Our network also extends to state governments, public schools, higher education institutions, and various government-linked agencies dedicated to English education.

Currently, MELTA maintains formal agreements with 15 international ELT organisations. These alliances facilitate cross-border networking and allow our members to engage in critical global discourse as the Asian region navigates the evolving landscape of English language education.

MELTA INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES 2025

21st China Daily	China
BELTA	Bangladesh
CamTESOL	Cambodia
ELTAI	India
ELTAM	Mongolia
ELTA-ROC	Taiwan
JACET	Japan
JALT	Japan
KATE	South Korea
KOTESOL	South Korea
NELTA	Nepal
PALT	Philippines
RELC	Singapore
TEFLIN	Indonesia
Thailand TESOL	Thailand

MELTA Representatives at International Conferences

2025



KAMLESHWARY KRISHNASAMY
SJKT Batu Caves

The 51st Japan Association for Language Teaching (JALT) International Conference 2025
31 Oct – 2 Nov 2025

PROF SIVABALA NAIDU
Quest University

The 71st TEFLIN Association for the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language in Indonesia International Conference
8 - 10 October 2025

Chong Wan Lynn
SJKC Keat Hwa H

2025 Global English Education China Assembly
25-26 July 2025

PROF SIVABALA NAIDU
Quest University

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Quest University

2025 APLX, 34th ETA & TESPA International Conference
7-8 November 2025

DR PREMALATHA A/P BHASKARAN NAIR
*Institut Pendidikan Guru
Kampus Bahasa Antarabangsa*

59th RELC International Conference
17 – 19 March 2025

NUR HIDAYAH SAFARUDIN
*Swinburne University of Technology
Sarawak*

2025 KOTESOL International Conference
10-11 May 2025

MOHANA RAM MURUGIAH
Methodist Girls School, Ipoh

21st Annual CamTESOL Conference on English Language Teaching
14-16 February 2025

LASHANA MOORTHY
English Language Teaching Centre

29th NELTA International Conference 2025
27 February – 1 March 2025

ASST PROF. TIONG NGEE DERK
University of Nottingham Malaysia

2025 PALT International Conference and 65th Founding Anniversary
27-29 November 2025

DR WARID MIHAT
UITM Kelantan

The 64th JACET International Convention
27-29 August 2025

DR LIM JIA WEI
Universiti Malaya

2025 KATE International Conference: 60th Anniversary
17-18 July 2025

MELTA Committee Members

2024 - 2026



MELTA Committee Members

2024 - 2026



President	Prof. Dr. Sivabala Naidu	
Vice President 1	Dr. Grace Lim Jia Wei	
Vice President 2 (International)	Dr. Azleena Mohamad	
Secretary	Dr. Szarmilaa Dewie Krishnan	
Assistant Secretary	Dr. Warid Mihat <i>(until end of 2024)</i> Mr. Wong Tee Wei <i>(from 2025 onwards)</i>	
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Assistant Treasurer	Dr. Joanna Joseph	
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Director of Journals	Dr. Tiong Ngee Derk <i>(until end of 2024)</i> Dr. Warid Mihat <i>(from 2025 onwards)</i>	Ms. Mornita Deri
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Trustees	Datin Dr. Marziah Datin Dr. Cynthia Yolanda Doss Mr Keith Chong	



Executive Committee Meeting Attendance Record

2024 - 2026

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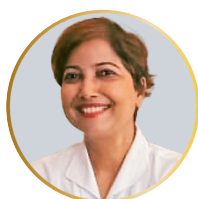
MELTA Membership

Years	Life Members	Ordinary Members	Institutional Membership	Total
2025	889	366	0	1255
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

Bureau Reports



PUBLICATION BUREAU



Datin Dr. Thusa Rani Rajendra
Director



Dr. Premalatha Nair
Deputy Director



Dr. Hyginus Lester Junior Lee
Committee Member

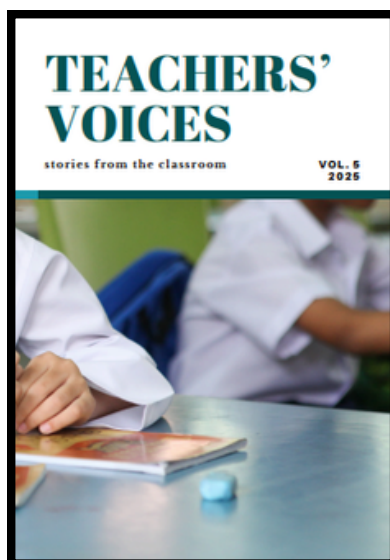


Chang Yee Shee
Committee Member



Nurhezrin binti Anuar
Committee Member

The central mission of the MELTA Publication Bureau is to disseminate the diverse perspectives, research, and scholarly narratives of educators and academics concerning the latest developments in English language education. Beyond academic discourse, the Bureau highlights engaging stories from English classrooms, offering readers a unique blend of practical wisdom, humour, and meaningful life lessons. In 2025, the bureau published the *2024 Annual Report, Teachers' Voices* (volume 5) and the e-programme book for the *33rd MELTA International Conference*.



Looking ahead to 2026, the Bureau is fully committed to increasing its volume of released works. Our objective is to strengthen our position as a key distributor of educator-led research, narratives, and insights, while continuing to provide comprehensive publishing support for all of MELTA's initiatives.

JOURNALS BUREAU



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Dr Cecilia Cheong Yin Mei
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Dr Paul Gnanaselvam
Admin Editor (TET)

The Journals Bureau under MELTA proudly manages two flagship publications: The English Teacher (TET) and Malaysian Journal of ELT Research (MaJER). These journals serve as vital platforms for advancing English Language Teaching (ELT) scholarship in Malaysia and beyond. The English Teacher, Malaysia’s longest-running ELT journal since 1971, continues to provide a leading forum for research and reflective practice. It publishes three issues annually in April, August, and December, offering open access without charging fees to authors or readers. Indexed by the Malaysian Citation Centre and licensed under Creative Commons (CC BY 4.0), the journal ensures global accessibility and preserves Malaysia’s ELT heritage while embracing contemporary innovations.



The Malaysian Journal of ELT Research, established in 2005, focuses on promoting critical and scientific inquiry in ELT. It caters to academics, researchers, teacher educators, and graduate students engaged in research and dissemination of knowledge. MaJER publishes two issues annually in June and December, maintaining its commitment to open access and rigorous peer review.



SPECIAL PROJECTS BUREAU



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Director



Ms Auzella Kristin Mozihim
Deputy Director



THE SCHOLASTIC LITERACY PRO TRAINING PROGRAMME

MELTA's Special Project Bureau organised and implemented the Scholastic Literacy Pro Training Programme in collaboration with Scholastic. The programme was led by Mr Thurairaja, Bureau Director, and Dr Cynthia, Programme Coordinator. Between January and February 2025, 10 Master Trainers were selected from across Malaysia through an application and interview process. In March 2025, these Master Trainers received structured training to prepare them for programme delivery.

Participants

The programme involved national schools in two states:

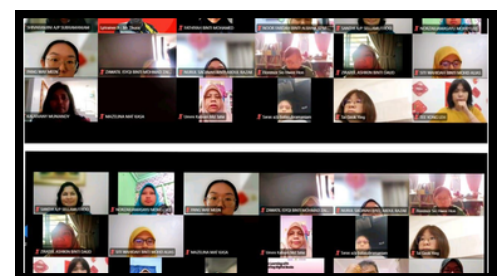
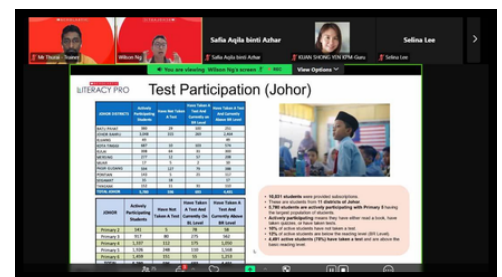
- Johor: 11 districts, 178 schools, about 10,000 students
- Selangor: 8 districts, 249 schools, about 10,000 students

A total of 427 teachers (one from each school) were trained.

Implementation Timeline

- Jan–Feb 2025: Selection of Master Trainers
- March 2025: Training of Master Trainers and teachers
- April–Dec 2025: Programme implemented in schools with ongoing support
- June, Oct, Dec 2025: Monitoring and check-in sessions

The programme was successfully carried out through strong collaboration between MELTA, Scholastic, state education authorities, and schools. Continuous training and monitoring supported effective implementation and contributed to improved reading practices in participating schools.





MELTA'S JUDGING REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ESU 45TH INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The competition, organised in conjunction with the 45th International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC), aimed to identify and develop young public speakers aged 16 to 20, with the opportunity for the Champion to represent Malaysia at the international level in London, United Kingdom (12–17 May 2025). MELTA's Special Project Bureau played a key supporting role in the programme, particularly in the judging process across multiple stages of the competition. For the online Preliminary Round and Semi-Finals Round, MELTA appointed Mr Thurairaja, MELTA Director, as one of the adjudicators. For the National Finals, MELTA was represented by Dr Sivabala Naidu, MELTA President, who served as a judge during the live on-stage final held at Taylor's College Lakeside Campus, Subang Jaya, on 19 April 2025.



CAMP 21: SYNERGISING LITERACIES 2025 PROGRAM

MELTA's Special Project Bureau collaborated with Politeknik Mukah and the Borneo Cultural Museum in hosting CAMP21: Synergising Literacies 2025, held from 30 June to 3 July 2025 at the Borneo Cultural Museum, Kuching. The four-day programme brought together 80–100 polytechnic and community college students from across Malaysia, with the aim of enhancing English language proficiency while integrating Design Thinking, Artificial Intelligence (AI), cultural heritage, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).





CONQUEST 3.0 : THE GREAT SPEECH CHALLENGE

MELTA's Special Project Bureau collaborated with Quest International University (QIU) in the organisation of ConQuest 3.0: The Great Speech Challenge 2025, a national-level public speaking competition for students aged 16–19. The programme was organised by QIU's School of English with the support of the Quest English Language Centre (QELC) and MELTA, culminating in the Final Round held on 23 August 2025 at Quest International University.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS BUREAU



Noor Azlinda Zainal Abidin
Director / Lead of TEDBET



Jane Chai En-Huey
Deputy Director



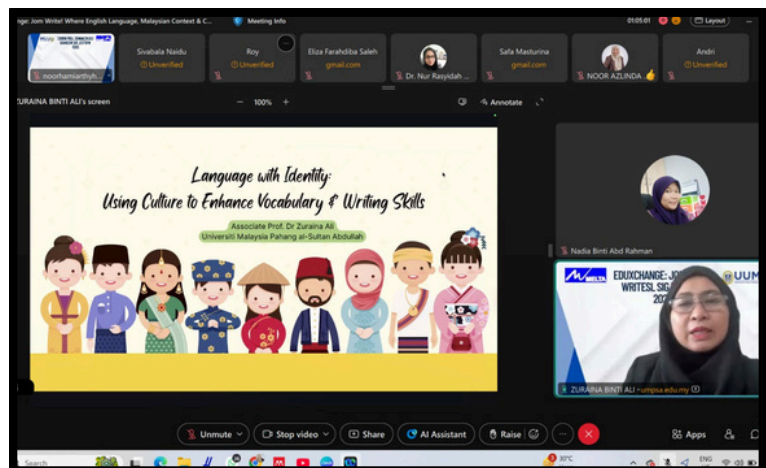
Dr. Nur Rasyidah Nohd Nordin
Lead of WritESL



Mohd Shafeirul Zaman Abd Majid
Lead of EduTechs

WEBINAR: "EDUXCHANGE: JOM WRITE! – WHERE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, MALAYSIAN CONTEXT & CULTURE MEET"

On 9 August 2025, the Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA), through its Special Interest Group (SIG): WRITESL, in collaboration with Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), successfully organised an online webinar titled "EDUXCHANGE: JOM WRITE! – Where English Language, Malaysian Context & Culture Meet." The webinar was conducted via Webex and attracted enthusiastic participation from educators representing diverse educational settings, both locally and internationally. The session featured two distinguished speakers, Associate Professor Dr Zuraina Ali from Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah and Dr Nur Rasyidah Mohd Nordin from Universiti Utara Malaysia, who shared valuable insights on culturally responsive approaches to English language vocabulary and writing instruction.



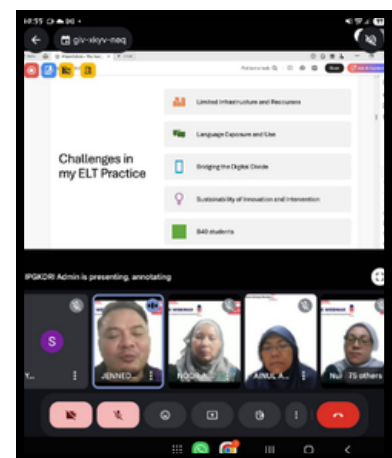
WEBINAR: “EDUXCHANGE: JOM AI! – EMPOWERING EDUCATORS WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE”

On 27 September 2025, the Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA), in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) through the Teacher Development and Best Educational Technology (TEDBET) Special Interest Group (SIG), successfully organised an online webinar titled “EDUXCHANGE: Jom AI! – Empowering Educators with Artificial Intelligence.” The webinar was part of MELTA’s ongoing professional development initiatives aimed at equipping educators with relevant knowledge and skills to address emerging trends in education. The session featured two distinguished speakers: Dr Satirah Ahmad from Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Sultan Abdul Halim and Associate Professor Dr Azza Jauhar Ahmad Tajuddin from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu. Both speakers brought extensive experience in teacher education, educational technology, and language teaching, which enriched the session and provided participants with diverse perspectives on the integration of artificial intelligence in educational settings.



WEBINAR: THE TEACHER WE WERE, THE TEACHER WE ARE BECOMING

On Wednesday, 18 June 2025, from 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., the Special Interest Group (SIG) worked closely with the Training Bureau in the implementation of the MELTA Online Webinar titled “The Teacher We Were, The Teacher We Are Becoming,” featuring Jennedy Bin Pungawon. While the SIG oversaw the programme content, the Training Bureau provided comprehensive technical support, ensuring a smooth and seamless online experience for both the speaker and participants, and contributing significantly to the overall success of the session.



The webinars were impactful sessions that reinforced the importance of culture, technology and context in English language teaching and reflected MELTA’s ongoing commitment to professional development and knowledge exchange.

TECHNOLOGIES BUREAU



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Director / Head of TEDBET



Sabina @Sya Ezzharizy
Deputy Director



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Technical Support



Nurul Atiqah binti Mohd Nori
Technical Support

CONFERENCE COUNTDOWN CAMPAIGN

MELTA utilized its Instagram platform to engage followers with a countdown campaign leading up to the 33rd MELTA International Conference. Through video reels and posts, MELTA highlighted the abstract submission deadline, creating excitement and encouraging participation from educators and researchers. This initiative showcases MELTA's commitment to leveraging social media for effective outreach and conference promotion.



COUNTDOWN POSTERS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR MELTA 33TH CONFERENCE

About MELTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA) has been organising an annual international conference for over 30 years.

[READ MORE](#)

SUB-THEMES

1. Innovative Teaching Methodologies
2. Technology Integration in ELT
3. Teacher Agency and Professional Development
4. Assessment and Evaluation
5. Inclusive and Multicultural Education
6. Language Policy and Planning
7. Learner Autonomy and Motivation
8. Curriculum Design and Development
9. Collaborative Learning and Peer Teaching

2025 THEME

THE AGENTIVE ELT PROFESSIONAL: DRIVING INNOVATION AND IMPACT

33rd MELTA International Conference ...
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MELTA all in 1 poster
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ONLINE WEBINAR: THE TEACHER WE WERE, THE TEACHER WE ARE BECOMING



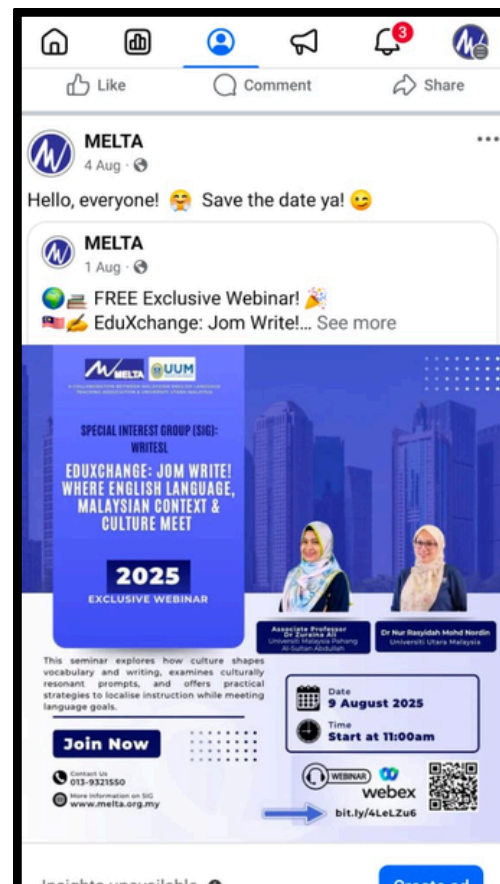
- Wednesday (18 June 2025)
- 8.30 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

The Technologies Bureau provided technical support for the MELTA Online Webinar, "The Teacher We Were, The Teacher We Are Becoming," featuring Jennedy Bin Pungawon. Our role ensured a smooth online experience for both the speaker and the participants.

ONLINE WEBINAR ASSISTANCE FOR SIG BUREAU MELTA SIG WRITESIG WEBINAR: EDUXCHANGE – JOM WRITE!

- Saturday, 9 August 2025
- 11.00 a.m.

Once again, the Bureau provided technical support to ensure the smooth running of the MELTA SIG WriteSIG Webinar: EduXchange – Jom Write! and a positive online experience for all participants. This support allowed the organising team to focus on content delivery and engagement, contributing to the overall success of the webinar.



ONLINE WEBINAR ASSISTANCE FOR SIG BUREAU MELTA 2025 SCHOLASTIC READING PROGRAMME TRAINERS RECRUITMENT



The Technologies Bureau supported the recruitment initiative by assisting with online advertising and promotion through MELTA's Facebook and Instagram platforms. This support helped increase visibility of the programme and contributed to more effective online promotion of the recruitment campaign.

DIGITAL OUTREACH & CALL FOR PAPERS PROMOTION

MELTA utilised its official social media platforms to promote organisational activities and the Call for Papers. The Facebook page recorded 8.9K followers, indicating strong engagement, while Instagram, with 73 followers, continues to grow as a developing outreach platform. Visual posts were used to disseminate information and encourage participation from educators and researchers. In addition, MELTA's Head of Technology Bureau, Pn. Salma Binti Abdul Razak, was recognised as a High Performing Alumni (CGPA 4.0) and represented Malaysia at the 2025 Open Alumni Summit held in Bohol, Philippines.



In conclusion, the bureau has been a constant support to other bureaus specifically in handling all matters related to technology. Through mutual understanding and a good sense of camaraderie, all MELTA's activities are well promoted and facilitated through various online modes.

TRAINING BUREAU



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ainul Azmin Md Zamin
Director



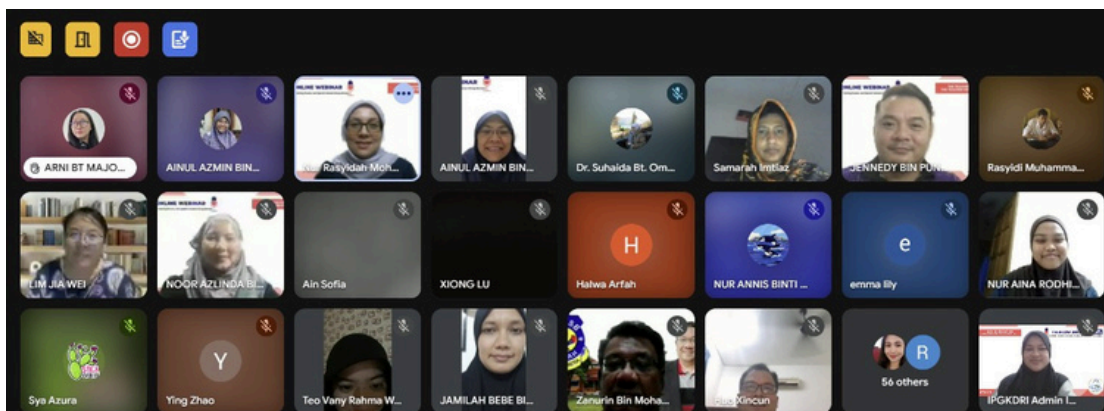
Dr. Sharmini Siva Vikaraman
Deputy Director



WEBINAR: "THE TEACHERS WE WERE, THE TEACHERS WE ARE BECOMING"

On 18 June 2025, the Training Bureau and Special Interest Group Bureau, successfully hosted an inspiring online webinar titled "The Teachers We Were, The Teachers We Are Becoming." The event featured Mr. Jennedy Bin Pungawon, recipient of the prestigious Hyacinth Gaudart Award 2024 and an Excellent Teacher (English Language) at SMK Langkon, Kota Marudu, Sabah.

Both local and foreign participants enthusiastically participated in the webinar, which drew a diverse audience. By presenting his life story and his career development as an English instructor, Mr. Jennedy enthralled the audience. In addition, he shared insights from his stint as a District Education Officer (PPD), providing a distinct viewpoint on administration and leadership in education.



RECRUITMENT OF TRAINERS FOR SCHOLASTIC READING PROGRAMME

In preparation for the Scholastic Reading Programme, the MELTA Training Bureau assisted in calling for applications from committed teachers and educators in Malaysia—whether in-service or retired—to serve as Scholastic Reading Programme Trainers. The initiative was meant to seek individuals who demonstrate key qualities such as positivity, agility, open-mindedness, and a strong willingness to take up the challenge. The training was scheduled to begin in March 2025 and would be conducted



both online and face-to-face in selected locations. The programme was initially planned for Selangor (online) and Johor (online and F2F). This programme reflects MELTA's ongoing commitment to enhancing literacy through professional development and engagement with passionate educators.



EARLY ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA) issued a call for papers for its 33rd International Conference, which took place on 13–14 September 2025 at Brickfields Asia College, Petaling Jaya. With the theme "The Agentive ELT Professional: Driving Innovation and Creating Impact," the conference encourages English Language Teaching professionals to present research, practices, and innovations that advance the field. The Director of the Training Bureau led the Abstract and Selection Committee which rigorously evaluated and selected abstracts aligned with the conference theme.



This experience provided the team of member reviewers who were PhD holders; lecturers and educators with a platform to develop and hone their research skills. This has contributed to the overall success of the conference.

In a nutshell, the Bureau has successfully carried out various initiatives in line with the core mission of MELTA to promote the teaching and learning of the English language in Malaysia through its activities.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUREAU



Dr David Tchaikovsky Teh Boon Ern
Director



Dr Steffi Tan Shih May
Deputy Director 1



Chin Li Yuen
Deputy Director 2



Wan Alisa Hanis binti Wan Abdul Halim
Deputy Director 3

RESEARCH PROJECT 1: COLLABORATION BETWEEN SCHOLASTIC AND THE MELTA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

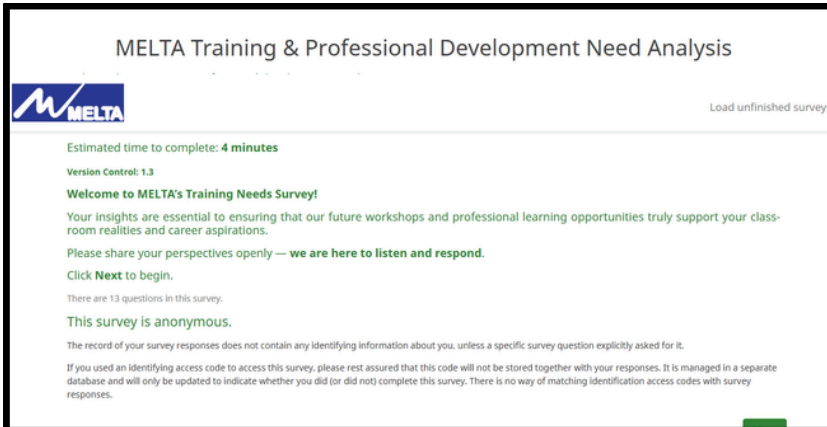
In 2025, the MELTA Research and Development Bureau entered a joint initiative with Scholastic to undertake a systematic evaluation of the Scholastic Literacy Pro Programme implemented under the Yayasan Hasanah Project. This collaboration is positioned as a joint white paper, intended to provide both empirical insights and practice-oriented reflections on the programme's implementation, impact, and sustainability. The comprehensive white paper, integrating quantitative usage data and qualitative teacher insights, is projected for completion by June 2026. The final report is expected to inform future programme scaling, policy discussions, and evidence-based decision-making among stakeholders. The findings are intended to support more informed decision-making among stakeholders while affirming the professional agency of teachers whose everyday literacy work forms the backbone of meaningful educational change.



RESEARCH PROJECT 2: MELTA PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT NEED ANALYSIS

The MELTA Members Training & Professional Development Needs Analysis (TNA) represents a major internal research initiative undertaken by the R&D Bureau in 2025. The study is designed to systematically identify members' professional development needs, priorities, and emerging areas of interest, thereby supporting more responsive and data-driven planning across MELTA's bureaus. The Training Needs Analysis is ultimately intended as a mechanism for repositioning MELTA's profession-

al development agenda around the lived realities of its members. By systematically capturing teachers' perspectives, priorities, and emerging challenges, the study seeks to empower grassroots educators through data-informed planning rather than top-down assumptions. The outcomes of the TNA will guide future initiatives that are responsive, inclusive, and aligned with the evolving professional identities of MELTA members.



RESEARCH PROJECT 3: ASIA TEFL 2026 RESEARCH NETWORK SYMPOSIUM

As part of its role in fostering research visibility and international scholarly engagement, the MELTA R&D Bureau coordinated a call for recommendations among MELTA members for participation in the AsiaTEFL 2026 Research Network Symposium. This initiative was intended to identify and support members whose research profiles and ongoing work align with the symposium's focus on collaborative, network-driven research in English language education.

In short, by creating pathways for members at different stages of their research journeys, the initiative reflects MELTA's commitment to nurturing research confidence, visibility, and collaboration among practitioners. In doing so, it positions member research not as peripheral, but as a valuable contributor to regional conversations on English language education.

CHAPTERS BUREAU



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PERAK CHAPTER

I-TEACH 2025 was organised as a dynamic platform that provided English language teachers with valuable opportunities to showcase their innovative teaching ideas and classroom practices. A total of 70 participants took part in the competition, presenting a wide range of creative and impactful innovations. In recognition of their excellence, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards were presented to outstanding participants.



TERENGGANU CHAPTER

PROGRAMME 1: BEST 3.0: ECO-VIBES IN ENGLISH - SPEAK GREEN, WRITE BRIGHT



This programme was designed to nurture English language confidence among primary school pupils of Terengganu while reconnecting them with the beauty and meaning of the environment.

PROGRAMME 2: FOTLI 2025: FESTIVAL OF TEACHING AND LEARNING IDEAS

This programme was designed as a knowledge sharing ecosystem that encourages innovative pedagogy besides highlighting action research.

PAHANG CHAPTER

Programme 1

Public Speaking Workshop
Date: 3rd February 2025| Monday

Presentation Pitch
Date: 4th February 2025| Tuesday

The Public Speaking Workshop by MELTA Pahang Chapter was conducted in collaboration with Masjid Tepian Putra and SMARTN Academy.





Programme 2

GPM Bestari, PSS Lestari

Date: 27th February 2025 | Thursday
Venue: JPN Pahang Auditorium, Pahang



Programme 3

Scavenger Hunt @ DRB HICOM University Coordination Meeting & Site Visit

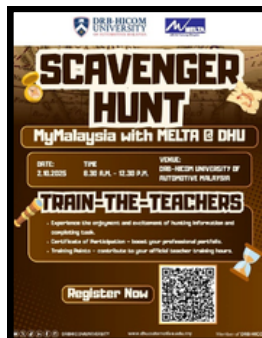
Date: 2nd September 2025 | Tuesday
Venue: DRB HICOM University



Programme 4

My Malaysia Scavenger Hunt – Training of Teachers

Date: 2nd October 2025 | Thursday
Venue: DRB HICOM University



Programme 5

Scavenger Hunt @ Pahang Skills
Module Revision & Refinement

Date: 14th November 2025 | Friday



Programme 6

Scavenger Hunt @ Pahang Skills
Coordination Meeting & Site Visit

Date: 11th November 2025 | Tuesday
Venue: Pahang Skills



Programme 7

Launch Ceremony of My Malaysia
Scavenger Hunt for 739 Schools in
Pahang State

Date: 18th November 2025 | Tuesday
Venue: Pahang Skills, Kuantan



Programme 8

MPC & TAR Collaboration Meeting
Date: 18th December 2025 | Tuesday



In short, all three chapters were active in 2025 by implementing various major and interesting projects. It is hoped that for 2026, more chapters will be able to contribute to the enhancement of the English language through their cooperation with MELTA.

33rd MELTA International Conference Report

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The 33rd MELTA International Conference successfully brought together English language educators, researchers, practitioners, and industry partners from diverse backgrounds. The conference served as a platform for professional exchange, innovation sharing, and collaboration in English Language Teaching (ELT).

ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Total Attendees: 250

Conference Attendance Breakdown:

- Committee Members: 27
- Volunteers: 35
- Lead Presenters: 93
- Co-presenters: 19
- Participants: 55
- Plenary & Keynote Speakers: 4
- Featured Speakers: 11
- Exhibitors: 6

The strong turnout reflects sustained interest and engagement within the ELT community at both national and international levels.

PROGRAMME & SESSIONS

Total Sessions: 93

Presentation Breakdown:

- Research Papers: 71
- Workshops: 11
- Showcases: 11

Sessions covered a wide range of topics, including classroom practice, teacher development, educational technology, assessment, and current research trends in ELT.

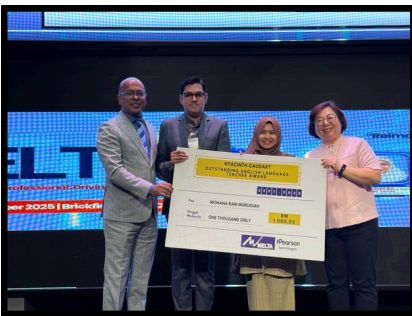
KEY OUTCOMES

- Facilitated meaningful professional dialogue among educators and researchers.
- Showcased innovative teaching practices and research findings.
- Strengthened networks between institutions, practitioners, and industry partners.
- Provided practical takeaways through workshops and interactive sessions.

OVERALL IMPACT

The conference achieved its objectives of knowledge sharing, professional development, and community building. Participant engagement and the diversity of sessions underscored MELTA's continued role in advancing English language education.

AWARD RECIPIENTS



The Hyacinth Gaudart Award
Dr Mohana Ram Murugiah



**The Basil Wijasuriya
Best Teacher Presenter Award**
Dr. Kamleshwary Krishnasamy

The Malachi Edwin Creative Educator Showcase Award (CES)



GOLD
Showcase 8
Developing a Training Module
for Malaysian TESL
Pre-Service Teachers to Create
Innovative ELT Materials

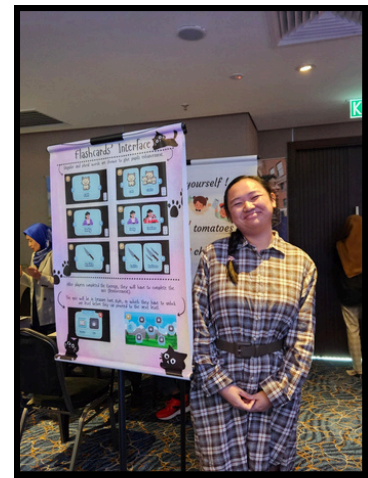


SILVER
Showcase 1
Grammar's Next Top Model:
Roar! or Meow? Apps



BRONZE
Showcase 10
Vowel Pop

CONFERENCE PHOTOS & HIGHLIGHTS



2025 Financial Report



MALAYSIAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	RM	RM
<u>Membership Subscription:</u>		
Ordinary membership		12,990.00
Institutional membership		
Life membership		<u>8,670.00</u>
		21,660.00
Add Other income:		
Interest income from Fixed Deposits		1,160.86
Training fees		29,400.00
MELTA International Conference income:		
Booth rental		1,000.00
Donation through purchase of books		544.00
Registration		45,648.45
Sponsorship		26,750.00
MELTA Bureau and Chapter Activities income:		
Sponsorship		<u>5,875.00</u>
		110,378.31
<u>Less expenditure:</u>		
Accountancy fees		3,600.00
Bank charges		2.50
MELTA Bureau and Chapter expenses (Note 5)		2,077.00
Conference account expenses (Note 6)		90,665.74
Courier charges		7.80
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		224.04
Electricity charges		206.35
Indah water charges		224.50
Maintenance of MELTA websites (main and journal) (Note 9)		2,394.27
Office maintenance fee		685.22
Publication expenses		450.00
Quit rent		553.00
Staff salary		6,000.00
Subscription fees (Note 7)		4,118.21
Telephone charges		1,132.70
Trainer fees		14,045.00
Travelling claims (Note 8)		607.40
Typesetting charges		450.00
Water charges		<u>392.40</u>
Total expenditure		<u>127,836.13</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>4,202.18</u>

**MALAYSIAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	RM
<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
Property, plant and equipment <i>(Note 1)</i>	180,031.72
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
CIMB Bank Equine Park (Account no.: 80-0996971-8) - Chapter	15,984.75
CIMB Bank Equine Park (Account no.: 80-0996982-5) - Conference	92,509.61
CIMB Bank Equine Park (Account no.: 80-0996989-9) - General	8,395.03
Fixed deposits <i>(Note 2)</i>	400,000.00
Sundry deposits <i>(Note 3)</i>	2,853.00
Total current assets	519,742.39
TOTAL ASSETS	699,774.11
<u>FINANCED BY</u>	
Accumulated funds as at 1 January 2025	665,026.19
Add: Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	4,202.18
Total accumulated funds	669,228.37
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	
Advanced membership subscription <i>(Note 4)</i>	30,545.74
TOTAL FUND AND LIABILITIES	699,774.11

We report that the above Income and Expenditure Accounts together with the notes as at 31 December 2025 shows a true and fair view of the results and affairs of the Association.



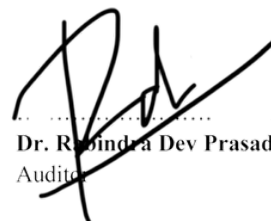
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**MALAYSIAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1. Property, plant and equipment

	RM	RM
i. Leaschold Building		180,000.00
ii. Printer - Canon laser jet	1,600.00	
Less : Accumulated Depreciation	1,568.28	31.72
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		180,031.72

2. Fixed Deposits

Account no.		RM
i. Fixed deposits:50096710970001		150,000.00
ii. Fixed deposits:50096710970002		50,000.00
iii. Fixed deposits:50096710970004		150,000.00
iv. Fixed deposits:50096710970005		50,000.00
TOTAL FIXED DEPOSITS		400,000.00

3. Sundry Deposits

Details		RM
i. TNB & Water Deposit		2,583.00
ii. MPSJ Signboard Licence		90.00
iii. MPAJ-Business Registration 2014 deposit		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.		30,545.74

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

5. MELTA Bureau and Chapter expenses



Details	RM
i. Event expenses	1,277.00
ii. Typesetting charges	800.00
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TOTAL CHAPTER ACCOUNT EXPENSES	<u><u>2,077.00</u></u>

6. MELTA International Conference expenses

Details	RM
i. Accommodation charges	15,095.00
ii. Bank charges	9.60
iii. Catering and dinner charges	46,702.70
iv. Competition prizes	3,725.93
v. Souvenirs	435.35
Printing charges for conference which includes:	
vi. - buntings/certs/program book/stationeries/etc)	1,220.00
vii. Rental of event space	21,500.00
viii. Refreshments	165.07
ix. Travelling expenses	1,812.09
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TOTAL CONFERENCE ACCOUNT EXPENSES	<u><u>90,665.74</u></u>

7. Subscription fees

Details	RM
i. Cross reference membership	1,337.46
ii. Google	93.48
iii. Microsoft 365	1,804.97
iv. Senangpay	376.92
v. Shinjiru Malaysia	505.38
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TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FEES	<u><u>4,118.21</u></u>



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

8. Travelling claims

	Details	RM
	i. Claims by Dr. Azleena	128.76
	ii. Claims by Dr. Ramesh	168.36
	iii. Claims by Dr. Sivabala	310.28
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TOTAL TRAVELLING CLAIMS		<u>607.40</u>

9. Maintenance of association and journal websites

	Details	RM
	i. Exabytes Network Sdn Bhd	2,394.27
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TOTAL WEBSITE MAINTENANCE		<u>2,394.27</u>

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