





## "The Teachers We Were, The Teachers We Are Becoming"

On 18 June 2025, MELTA, in collaboration with 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.

A highlight of the session was the dynamic Q&A segment, where participants actively engaged with Mr. Jennedy, seeking advice on effective teaching strategies. His responses were both practical and thought-provoking, reflecting his deep understanding of the challenges faced by educators today.

Mr. Jennedy also addressed the evolving digital landscape in education, offering valuable tips on how teachers can better connect with digitally native students. His suggestions emphasised the importance of adaptability, empathy, and continuous learning bridging generational technological gaps.



Overall, the webinar was a resounding success, leaving attendees inspired and equipped with fresh ideas to enhance their teaching practices. MELTA's initiative in organising such events continues to foster professional development and community among educators.





