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ICoLLT 4.0 2024 marks milestone in learning and teaching of languages

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KUALA LUMPUR, 20 May 2024 – In a momentous convergence of global minds, the International Conference on Language Learning and Teaching 2024 (ICoLLT 4.0), Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA) opened with resounding aims, heralding a new realm of teaching and learning of languages.

ICoLLT 4.0 is one of the continued concerted efforts stemming from the established relationship between UMPSA, Universitas Ahmad Dahlan (UAD) Yogyakarta Indonesia and HCMC University of Technology and Education (HCMUTE) Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam.

With the opportunity rendered by digital connectivity, educationist and language practitioners from many parts of the world can virtually congregate in this hybrid conference, hailing presenters and participants from not only Malaysia, but also from Indonesia, Vietnam, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and China, to name a few.

Grounded in the theme of “Embracing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Teaching and Learning of Languages”, the conference availed as a pivotal platform for participants to engage in dynamic discussions, presentations and networking, exploring innovative approaches in integrating the 17 SDGs into language classrooms.

Recognizing the interconnectedness between societal progress and language evolution, the keynote speaker and a renowned language educationist, Professor Dr. Faizah Abd Majid delivered a vibrant speech entitled ‘English Lessons as a Platform for SDGs Acceleration: Exploring the Learning Design Opportunities for 'Universal Literacy', capturing the essence of language learning addressing learners diversity.

The UMPSA Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato’ Ts. Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin who officiated the event expressed his surmise for a continual synergy among the organising institutions and also to extend the collaboration network with other institutions in the future.

“Language educators should make full use of this opportunity of knowledge sharing to enhance teaching and learning approaches where SDGs are part of the process,” he stated citing the parallel sessions and keynote address discussing the issue.

The one-and-half-day conference drew its curtain with two workshops delivered by Dr. Ikmi Nur Oktavianti, a representative from UAD and Dr. Nguyen Vu Thui Tien from HCMUTE, as add-ons for the participants.

With the echoes of sound alliance reverberating across regions, the conference is an attestation for a transformative potential in the teaching and learning of languages grounded in sustainability and lifelong scholarly endeavours.

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