

POSTGRADUATE OPTIONS

AeU students present studies at seminar

ASIA e University (AeU) recently organised a "Students Research Seminar" for all its students at its main campus in Kuala Lumpur.

A total of 150 students throughout the country took part in the seminar launched by AeU deputy president Professor Dr Hairudin Harun.

The seminar was divided into different sessions and held at conference rooms and classrooms. Overall, 28 papers were presented on that day.

There were also presenters from other higher-learning institutions, such as Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Selangor, Nilai University and Tunku Abdul Rahman University College.

One of the presenters, Chow Chee Keong, an engineer with an MBA from Penang, is pursuing his Master of Education (MEd) at AeU.

He is also the founder/owner of a pre-school. With support from his parents and the resources made available to him, he was able to set up an authentic setting for his research.

Chow presented his paper entitled "A qualitative study on the teaching and learning of Mathematics through socio-dramatic play by 5-year-old children in an authentic setting".

His research presented a unique opportunity to see how children behave under play situations. Teaching of Mathematics through plays, although well-accepted and practised in the West, is not a common approach among early childhood learning institutions in Malaysia.

Chow attempted to show in his presentation how a teacher-engineered socio-dramatic play was effective in learning Maths, especially in the area of logical processing.

Another MEd student, Kalavathy Ramman, in her research paper entitled "Engaging and enhancing the communicative ability of academically-challenged youths", presented her study in comparing the Cognitive Load Theory (CLT) with traditional teaching methods on academically-challenged youths in order to boost their self-esteem,

engagement skills and communication abilities.

All participants found the seminars interesting and beneficial in enriching their knowledge, especially in their areas of research where they could improve.

Sally Ng Chit Peng, an AeU MEd student and senior principal of JET Kinderland in Penang said: "The sessions were great and relaxing."

"The Students Research Seminar provides a platform for students to present their research in public."

Cindy Lim Suan Choo, one of the first presenters in the seminar, is the principal of Tadika Methodist Jelutong, Penang.

She said: "AeU Students Research Seminar brings learners together in one venue to share, encourage and learn from one another in the aim of inculcating a research culture."

AeU is a collaborative multinational university established under the auspices of the 33 Asia Cooperation Dialogue Countries (ACD).



AeU's Bachelor of Business Administration students (from left) Tan Wai Kong, Mabel and Intan Syafinas were participants in the Student Research Seminar recently.

All its programmes are internationally-benchmarked, approved by the Education Ministry and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.

As one of the leading provider of open distance learning (ODL) in Malaysia, AeU has an enrolment of more than 21,000 students spanning across 65 countries, and has produced more than 6,000 graduates. The university also has a diverse international community of about 1,000 fellow doctoral students from 46 countries.

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