



Cindy Lim, one of AeU's Master of Education students and presenter at AeU Students Research Seminar.

Platform for sharing of knowledge

ON May 17, Asia e University (AeU) organised AeU Students Research Seminar at the university's main campus in Kuala Lumpur.

The educational and informative research seminar was open not only to AeU students but also the general public to share their research findings with the student community.

About 150 AeU students came from all over Malaysia to attend the seminar. Overall, 28 papers were presented on that day.

The participants included 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 by profession and an owner of a pre-school in Penang, is a student of AeU's Master of Education (MEd).

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

During his presentation, Chow demonstrated how teacher-engineered socio-dramatic play is effective in promoting mathematical learning among children, especially in the area of logical mathematical processing.

Another MEd student, Kalavathy Raman, presented her research paper *Engaging and enhancing the communicative ability of the academically challenged youth*, which focused on the study of cognitive load theory versus the traditional teaching and learning method in boosting youth self-esteem when learning.

The event's participants found the seminar interesting and beneficial in enriching their knowledge.

Ang Kwang Teo, a former senior lecturer at Universiti Selangor and a student of AeU's Doctor of Administration (DBA) programme, says, "The research seminar was a refreshing experience for DBA students to share their progress and provisional findings in their respective fields of research.

"The seminar, in which I presented my provisional chapters on *Analysis of Factors Influencing Klang Valley Residential Property Investment in Malaysia*, gave me added

impetus to complete my thesis in the shortest timeframe possible.

"This type of seminar benefits three parties; the supervisors can assess the progress of the students under their charge, the students get to experience sharing their provisional findings with peers, and juniors are encouraged to undertake their own research," adds Ang.

Cindy Lim Suan Choo, who presented her research paper *The creative methods to develop good writers in preschool*, is an MEd student with a specialisation in early childhood education.

"AeU Students Research Seminar brings students together in one venue to share, encourage and learn from one another. This helps to inculcate a research culture among us," says Lim, who is also the principal of Tadika Methodist Jelutong, Penang.

Another participant of the seminar, Sally Ng Chit Peng, is an AeU MEd student and senior principal of JET Kinderland, Penang.

She says, "AeU Students Research Seminar provides a platform for students to present their research findings in public.

"I am happy that I received the opportunity to explore so many techniques and types of research in education. The seminar was a day well spent at AeU."

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