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EXPRESS MICRO-CREDENTIALS WORKSHOP SERIES





CAFEL organized a series of workshops on "Express Micro-Credential" from the 3rd to the 11th of September 2024, specifically aimed at assisting MC course developers from all colleges in creating high-quality and marketable micro-credential courses. The workshop was divided into two parts: Part 1 focused on providing an overview of micro-credentials, material collection and the course development process, while Part 2 focused on onboarding course materials, setting them up on the platform, and designing an engaging course landing page. This also included strategically organizing course content, integrating videos and images and utilizing editing tools, including AI-assisted tools to enhance and refine course materials.





WORKSHOP ON "LENSA AKRI 2024"



On 3rd July 2024, CAFEL organized a 4-hour online workshop titled "Lensa AKRI 2024". This program was held in conjunction with the *Anugerah Khas YB Menteri Pendidikan Tinggi: Rekabentuk Kurikulum dan Penyampaian Inovatif* (AKRI) 2024. The speaker for the program was Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Mohd Kamaruddin Bin Abd Hamid from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). The objectives of participation were to

Hamid from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). The objectives of participation were to expose details about the four categories contested in AKRI 2024 and to guide candidates in preparing submissions according to the selection criteria.

WEBINAR ON "UNLEASHING CREATIVITY: FROM CLASSROOM TO BEYOND"



A webinar titled "Unleashing Creativity: From Classroom to Beyond" was conducted by Ir. Dr. Chua Yaw Long on 22nd July 2024. The objective of the webinar was to provide participants with a clear understanding of creativity and how it can enhance their education careers and beyond. The recorded video can be accessed below.

Webinar: Unleashing Creativity from Classroom to Beyond by Ir. Dr. Chua Yaw Long
(youtube.com)

WORKSHOP ON "ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIA BY DESIGN" (2ND SESSION)

On 11th July 2024, CAFEL organized a physical workshop titled 'Achieving Excellence in Academia by Design" conducted by Prof. Dr. Abd Karim Alias. This program was the second session, following the first held in March 2024. The session provided participants with essential tips and strategies to help them succeed in their academic careers. Through interactive discussions, attendees learned how to build a strong academic profile, establish productive relationships with colleagues and mentors, navigate the academic job market, and effectively manage their time and workload.



WORKHSOP ON "GENERATIVE AI FOR INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO"

A workshop on "Generative AI for Instructional Video" was conducted by Prof. Abd. Dr Abd Karim Alias on 3rd September 2024. The workshop covered various aspects of using generative AI and video creation tools for educational purposes, emphasizing the evolution of instructional videos in online learning environments.

The recorded video can accessed from CAFEL's YouTube channel:

Generative AI for Instructional Video by Prof <u>Dr Abd Karim Alias - YouTube</u>



CURRICULUM REVIEW PROCESS WORKSHOP

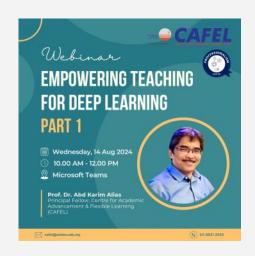
CAFEL organized a one-day workshop on "Academic Program Curriculum and Course Review" on the 6th of August 2024 conducted by Mr. Adzly bin Anuar. The workshop was attended by the program owners and deputy deans of academic.

Among the topics covered during the workshop were the academic management process, including the annual program review, program maintenance audit, and various aspects related to the requirements of authoritative and accreditation bodies. Additionally, the workshop included a briefing on the new curriculum change template and the revised course review form and process.





WEBINAR ON "EMPOWERING TEACHING FOR DEEP LEARNING"







On the 14th and 22nd of August 2024, CAFEL hosted a webinar on "Empowering Teaching for Deep Learning," conducted by Prof. Dr. Abd Karim Alias. The aim of the webinar was to encourage UNITEN lecturers to embrace innovative teaching practices that foster deep and meaningful learning experiences, empowering students with critical thinking, problem-solving and metacognitive skills.

The recorded video of the webinar can be accessed on CAFEL's YouTube channel:

Part 1: Empowering Teaching for Deep Learning (Part 1) by Prof. Dr. Abd Karim Alias (youtube.com)

Part 2: Empowering Teaching for Deep Learning (Part 2) by Prof. Dr. Abd Karim Alias (youtube.com)

WEBINAR ON MICRO-CREDENTIALS WITH CAFEL'S DIRECTOR



On 8th August 2024, CAFEL hosted an online webinar entitled 'Espresso Insights: What are Micro-Credentials?' conducted by Dr.

Jehana Ermy Jamaluddin. The main aim of the webinar was to provide an overview of the MC course structure and its implementation at UNITEN. The recorded webinar can be accessed below:

<u>Espresso Insights: What are Micro</u> <u>Credentials? (youtube.com)</u>

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CAFEL again hosted a webinar on microcredentials on 19th August 2024 titled "Latte Learning: How Micro-Credentials Meet Industry Expectations". In this webinar, she explained how micro-credentials are evolving to meet the changing needs of industries and provide valuable skills and competencies for today's workforce. The recorded webinar can be accessed below:

<u>Latte Learning: How Micro Credentials Meet</u> <u>Industry Expectations (youtube.com)</u>

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER HANDS-ON INTENSIVE WORKSHOP





CAFEL successfully conducted a two-day "Professional Engineer Hands-On Intensive Workshop," led by Assoc. Prof. Ir. Dr. Hasril Hasini, at Bayview Hotel, Melaka. The workshop was designed to help UNITEN lecturers prepare for obtaining Professional Engineer (Ir) status through practical, hands-on activities. A total of 32 participants attended the workshop, gaining valuable insights and skills necessary for their professional development.

WEBINAR ON "TECHNOLOGIST (TS) INDUCTION"



On 18th September 2024, CAFEL organized a four-hour webinar on "Technologist (TS) Induction," conducted by Ts. Ong Seng Keong. The aim of the webinar was to provide participants with an overview of how to be recognized as certified technologists and technicians under the Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT). Among the topics covered were the requirements for registration, the application process, and the benefits of being recognized as a technologist A total of 15 participants attended the webinar.

BENCHMARKING VISIT TO CAFEL

UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SABAH (UMS)

CAFEL welcomed benchmarking visits from the Centre for E-Learning, UMS, on 6th September 2024. The delegation was headed by its director, Prof. Dr. Fong Soon Fook.

The aim of the visit was to learn about UNITEN's approaches to implementing Micro-Credentials (MC), Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), and Open & Distance Learning (ODL). Besides the benchmarking session, they were also invited to observe a hybrid classroom on the 4th floor of the administration building.



BENCHMARKING VISIT TO CAFEL

MAJLIS AMAHA RAKYAT (MARA)

CAFEL also welcomed five delegations from Bahagian Teknikal dan Kemahiran (BKT), MARA on 27th September 2024. The delegation was headed by Pn. Rosnani Mohd Rosdi, the Deputy Director (Academic) of BKT, MARA.

The visit aimed to explore and learn more about the operations and implementation of e-Learning initiatives in UNITEN, especially the implementation of Micro-Credentials through Open Learning.



CELCOMDIGI METAVERSITY DISCUSSION



On 6th September 2024, CelcomDigi and CAFEL had a meeting on CelcomDigi Metaversity™—Malaysia's first experiential and immersive learning environment. The aim of the meeting was to discuss further collaboration to drive the adoption of CelcomDigi Metaversity™'s immersive learning modules in UNITEN.

GLU-ED VISIT TO UNIKL MIMET





On 25th September 2024, CAFEL had the opportunity to visit Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Malaysian Institute of Marine Engineering Technology (UniKL MIMET) in Lumut, Perak. This visit was part of the government-linked universities' teaching and learning sector (GLU-Ed) activities among the GLU members.

Beyond just conducting visits, a wide range of additional tasks and responsibilities are carried out, such as preparing for the ICARE 2025 conference and engaging in discussions on the Generative AI playbook.



OCTOBER- DECEMBER 2024 TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES

DATE	PROGRAMME	SPEAKER/INSTRUCTOR
9 Oct	Webinar: Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) Presuppositions for a Motivated You	Ir. Ang Pey Char
16 Oct	Cold Brew Chat: Blended Learning Revisited	Dr. Jehana Ermy binti Jamaluddin
20 Nov	Module 4: Designing Effective Online Course Content	Prof. Dr. Abdul Karim Alias
10 Dec	Leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Teaching and Learning	Prof. Dr. Abdul Karim Alias
18 Dec	Best Practices for Designing Online Courses	Prof. Dr. Abdul Karim Alias

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