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BENCHMARKING VISIT TO PENGAJARAN UKM



BENCHMARKING VISIT TO PENGAJARAN UKM



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n the 23rd of January 2024, the Centre for Academic Advancement and Flexible Learning (CAFEL) had the privilege of conducting a benchmarking visit to Centre for Teaching and Curriculum Development (Pengajaran UKM). The primary objective of this visit was to gain insights into the effective management of curriculum and the delivery of digital learning courses, including Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and Micro-Credentials (MC).

The UNITEN delegates were greeted by the Pengajaran UKM Director, Prof. Ir. Dr. Ahmad Kamal Ariffin Mohd Ihsan and Deputy Director (Educational Technology), Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Muhammad Helmi Norman. The delegates were engaged in detailed discussions about the strategies and methodologies implemented by Pengajaran UKM, providing a valuable learning experience. This visit was instrumental in understanding the innovative approaches adopted by Pengajaran UKM in the realm of digital education.

CAFEL was joined by Quality Advancement Centre (QAC) team members, Assoc. Prof. Ir. Ts. Dr. Chong Kok Hen and Ms. Elya Sufliza Marsom.

CAFEL extends its heartfelt gratitude to the faculty and staff of Pengajaran UKM for their warm hospitality and for sharing their valuable expertise, which will undoubtedly assist in enhancing our own educational practices.

BENCHMARKING VISIT FROM CENTRE FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT (CITC), UNIKL

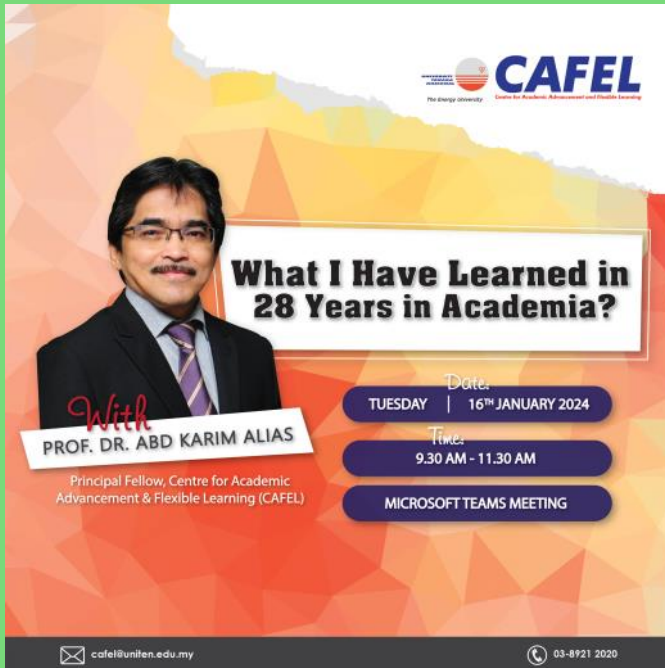
On the 19th of February 2024, the Centre for Advanced Flexible Learning (CAFEL) welcomed esteemed guests from the Centre for Instructional Technology and Curriculum Development (CITC), Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL), marking a significant benchmarking visit. The sharing session, held at the Bilik Mesyuarat Utama (BMU) in the Chancellery, Level 1, provided an insightful platform for knowledge exchange and collaborative learning.

Led by the CITC Deputy Directors, Dr. Siti Haryani Shaikh Ali and Ms. Shahrizad Sharifuddin, the UniKL delegates embarked on this visit with a clear purpose. Their objectives were threefold: to gain insights into the development, management, and maintenance of similar learning management systems, to explore strategies for enhancing blended and hybrid learning initiatives, and to know more about students' learning outcome attainment system.

The benchmarking visit by UniKL CITC at CAFEL exemplified the spirit of collaboration and mutual learning in academia. Through such engagements, institutions can leverage collective expertise to advance pedagogical practices and enhance student learning outcomes, ultimately shaping a brighter future for education.



WEBINAR ON "WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IN 28 YEARS IN ACADEMIA?"



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What I Have Learned in 28 Years in Academia?

With
PROF. DR. ABD KARIM ALIAS
Principal Fellow, Centre for Academic Advancement & Flexible Learning (CAFEL)

Date:
TUESDAY | 16TH JANUARY 2024

Time:
9.30 AM - 11.30 AM

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The 2-hour webinar was held on 16th January 2024, conducted by Prof. Dr. Abd. Karim Alias, aimed at offering young and aspiring academics (with less than 10 years in service) a unique opportunity to gain insights, wisdom, and practical guidance from the experience of an academician with 28 years in the field. The primary goal was to inspire, educate, and empower the upcoming generation of academics by sharing an array of invaluable lessons, challenges faced, and effective best practices that had been gathered and refined over nearly three decades.

Participants were able to gain a rare glimpse into the journey of academic excellence, learning from experiences that transcended textbooks and lectures, with the aim of moulding them into well-rounded, innovative, and impactful scholars.

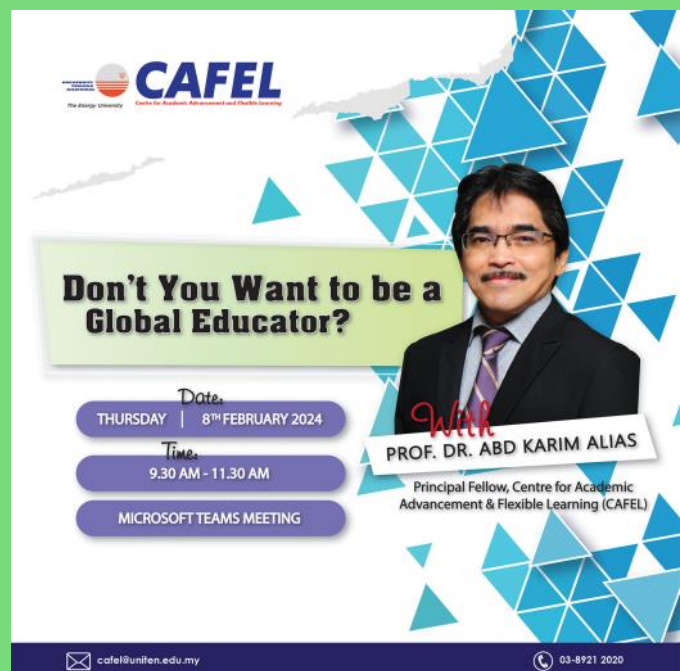
The recorded video can be accessed below: [What I Have Learned in 28 Years in Academia \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

In a rapidly evolving world where borders were becoming less significant and cultures were increasingly intertwined, the concept of being a 'global educator' was more relevant than ever. Recognizing this importance, on 8th February 2024, a webinar conducted by Prof. Dr. Abd Karim Alias was organized with specific aim of inspiring and motivating educators to embrace the concept of global education.

This event served as a platform for educators to refine their teaching techniques and methodologies, providing them with the essential skills and knowledge necessary to teach effectively in this interconnected world. By participating in this webinar, educators found themselves better equipped to shape the minds of the next generation, fostering a deep understanding and respect for diverse cultures, perspectives, and ways of life.

The recorded video can be accessed below: [Don't You Want to be a Global Educator? \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

WEBINAR ON "DON'T YOU WANT TO BE A GLOBAL EDUCATOR?"



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Don't You Want to be a Global Educator?

With
PROF. DR. ABD KARIM ALIAS
Principal Fellow, Centre for Academic Advancement & Flexible Learning (CAFEL)

Date:
THURSDAY | 8TH FEBRUARY 2024

Time:
9.30 AM - 11.30 AM

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CASUAL CHAT ON “ONCE UPON A TIME IN CHINA”: EXPERIENCE SHARING ON TEACHING FOREIGN STUDENTS”

Teaching foreign students required an understanding of cultural diversity, pedagogical adaptability, and the ability to foster an inclusive learning environment. On 15th February 2024, CAFEL conducted a chat entitled “Casual Chat: Once Upon a Time in China” . The casual chat was delivered by Mr. Rahmat Abdul Wahid, Mr. Eddren Law Yi Feng, Mr. Mohd Nashraf Mohd Nasruddin, Mr. Afdzal Aizat Ramli, Mr. Nur Hilmy Mohd Hanniff and Mr. Muhamad Safwan Ishak.

The chat aimed to fill some culture gap by providing a relaxed setting for educators to exchange knowledge and learn from each other's experiences.

Feel free to watch the recorded video of the chat:

[Once Upon a Time in China Experience Sharing on Teaching Foreign Students \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

CASUAL CHAT:
"ONCE UPON A TIME IN CHINA":
EXPERIENCE SHARING ON TEACHING FOREIGN STUDENTS

By: Rahmat Bin Abdul Wahid, Eddren Law Yi Feng, Mohd Nashraf B. Mohd Nasruddin, Afdzal Aizat Bin Ramli, Nur Hilmy Bin Mohd Hanniff & Muhamad Safwan Bin Ishak

Date: 15 February 2024
Time: 10 AM - 12 PM
Venue: MS Teams Meeting

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Teaching & Learning

✓ DO'S

- Speak basic English (kindergarten level)
- Always monitor attendance
- Monitor their assignment/project
- Ask questions during lecture
- Be at lecture hall 5 minutes ahead

✗ DON'TS

- Do not cancel any classes
- Do not end class early
- Do not promise students



WORKSHOP ON “ELEVATING YOUR ODL DESIGN AND DELIVERY”

On 22nd February 2024, Prof. Dr. Abd Karim Alias conducted a physical workshop titled "Enhancing Your ODL Design and Delivery." The workshop aimed to equip aspiring course developers with contemporary best practices and insights gleaned from seasoned instructors. Tailored to foster personal and professional growth, the session offered invaluable guidance, practical strategies, and inspiration for those engaged in developing and managing online distance learning courses.

This half-day workshop proved highly beneficial for course developers seeking to enhance their skills and receive knowledge transfer from an experienced facilitator. The target audience comprised course developers working within the Online-Distance Learning mode of the Master's in Business Administration program.



WORKSHOP ON “ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIA BY DESIGN”

On 20th March 2024, a workshop entitled “Achieving Excellence in Academia by Design” was organised by CAFEL for aspiring academics who wanted to thrive in higher education's competitive and dynamic world. 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. This workshop was ideal for early-career academics looking to accelerate their academic journey and achieve their academic goals.



WORKSHOP ON “HOW TO BUILD A SUCCESSFUL MICRO-CREDENTIAL COURSE”

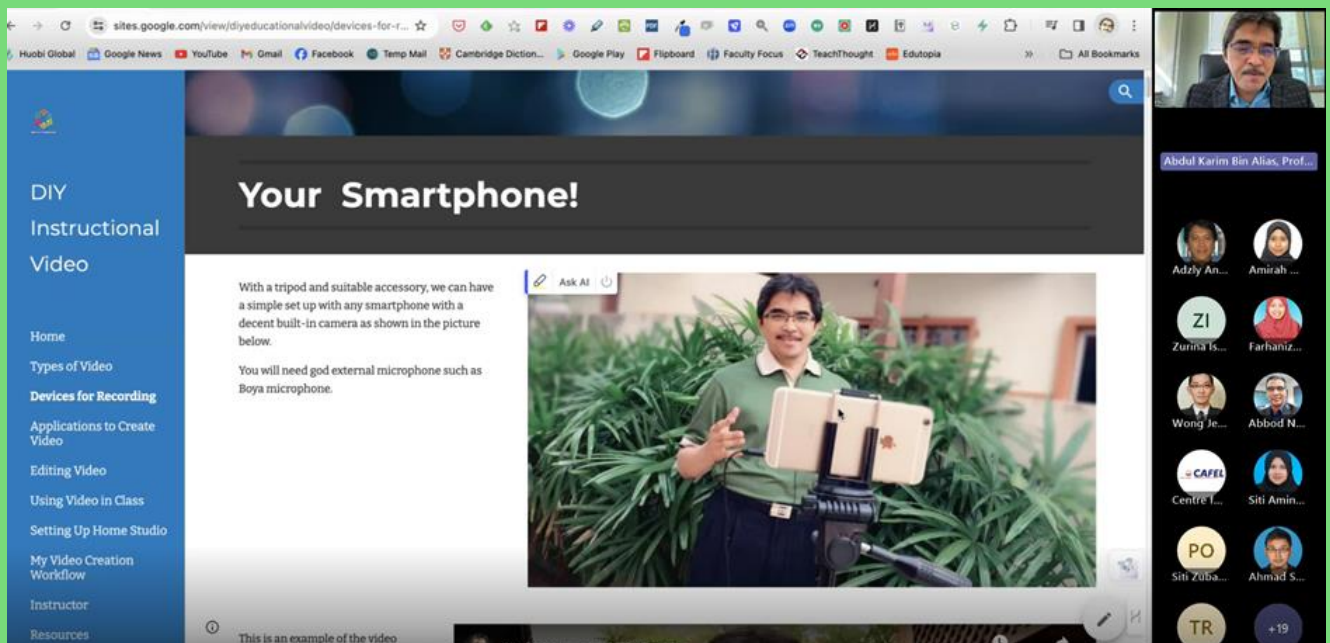
CAFEL has organised a workshop on “How to Build a Successful Micro-credential Course” on 6th and 7th March 2024. The workshop aimed to guide selected UNITEN academics on the full online course development process and to assist them in designing and developing MC Courses with AI features on OpenLearning.

The workshop was conducted by OpenLearning facilitators, Ms. Marsyitah Ismail and Mr. Balasandar Balakrishnan. As UNITEN has re-initiated the development of MC courses this year, the workshop proved to be helpful as UNITEN had identified some issues such as academics’ readiness and acceptance of technology, as well as a lack of academic training in online course design.



WORKSHOP ON “DIY INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO — PART 1”

On 26th March 2024, CAFEL has organised a workshop entitled “DIY Instructional Video Workshop (Part 1)”. This hands-on workshop was facilitated by Prof. Dr. Abd Karim Alias, aimed to empower UNITEN academics with the expertise to produce and seamlessly incorporate impactful instructional videos into their teaching. Participants learned to define learning objectives, craft engaging scripts, select suitable video formats, and gain practical experience in video recording and editing using free applications, including exploring generative AI tools. Additionally, they developed strategies for delivering clear and engaging content on camera and integrating their newly created videos into existing lesson plans. Among the AI tools covered during the workshop were Veed.IO, Loom, Invideo, Canva, Lumen5 and Streamable.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MOHD OZZIE AHMAD

The UNITEN Excellence Awards 2024 were held to recognize the outstanding service and contributions made by academics, executives, and non-executive staff members. The event took place on 23rd February 2024 at Dewan Seri Sarjana (DSS). CAFEL wishes to congratulate our system analyst, Mr. Mohd Ozzie Ahmad, for winning the Excellent Award under Executive (Technical) category. May this award inspire him to achieve even greater success in the future.



CAFEL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME CALENDAR APRIL– JUNE 2024

MONTH	PROGRAMME	SPEAKER
APRIL	Helping Students to Become Self-Directed Learners	Prof. Dr. Abdul Karim Alias
MAY	Strategies to Promote Active Learning	Prof Abdul Karim Alias
	Professional Engineer Hands-On Intensive Workshop	To Be Announced
	Review on OBE Implementation	To Be Announced
	Webinar on "Don't You Want to Be Global Educator?"	Prof. Dr. Abdul Karim Alias
JUNE	Panopto Workshop	To Be Announced



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