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““DKLS Linguistic Ambassador Award” Essay Competition 2019 Prize Presentation Ceremony on 20 September 2019 at the Ministry of Education, Malaysia

- 1. Guest of Honour :** The Honourable Deputy Minister of Education, Yang Berhormat (YB) Puan Teo Nie Ching
- 2. Eminent Guest from South Australia :** Mr Benjamin Howard
- 3. Programme’s Lead Sponsor :** DKLS Foundation
- 4. Strategic Partners :** Australian National University, ELS Language Centres and ICT Learning.
- 5. Primary Aim of the Competition :** “Driving English Excellence” among Form 4 and 5 students of Malaysian Secondary Schools aged 16-19 years old.
- 6. Programme Structure :** Successfully completed a 9-week intensive online interactive English Language writing modules before entering the final essay competition.
- 7. Judging Process :** (1) Preliminary by a judging panel comprising diverse pool of experts from the Ministry of Education and official SPM English examiners.
(2) Final authentication and ranking recommendations by Australian National University.
- 8. Top 3 Winners & Prizes :** Siti Hanisah binti Abdul Razak from SMK Tunku Besar, Tampin, Negeri Sembilan won the Gold Medal and was awarded cash award of AUD1,000 and a seven-day study tour to the Australian National University with her parent/guardian. The Silver Medal went to Kuhaneetha Bai a/p Kalaicelvan from SMK (P) Methodist, Klang, Selangor and the Bronze Medal was won by Ezzah Wardina binti Mohd Azidan from SM Sains Banting, Kuala Langat, Selangor. They won cash awards of RM1,500 and RM750 respectively, as well as other gifts like book vouchers.
- 9. Most Promising Writers (Consolation Prizes) :** Alya Imanina binti Dzulkhalif (Kolej Datu Patinngi Abang Haji Abdillah, Kuching, Sarawak), Arthur Sulin (SMK La Salle Tanjung Aru, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah), Fiona Anak Ringkai (Kolej Tun Dato Tuanku Haji Bujang, Miri, Sarawak), Ian Wong Yii Fung (SMK Kota Kemuning, Shah Alam, Selangor), Lim Yong Le (SMK Convent Father Barre, Sungai Petani, Kedah), Tan Wen Weyn (SMK Aminuddin Baki, Kuala Lumpur) and Teoh Kar Keat (SMK Tuanku Lailatul Shahreen, Kangar, Perlis).
- 10. Statistics :** Total access codes issued was 20,582 students, an impressive increase of 141% compared to 8,529 students in 2016, when it first started. Total schools participated increased from 185 to 322 schools nationwide. Total number of students who completed the entire programme grew by 211%. This led to a 674% increase in learning hours clocked from 14,042 hours to 108,629 hours by the students.
- 11. Closing Remarks by the Honourable Deputy Minister of Education :** In congratulating the winners, YB Puan Teo in her speech paid tribute to the teachers and parents whose efforts had borne fruit in the success of their children. YB Puan Teo also praised the efforts of lead sponsor, DKLS Foundation and its strategic partners, expressing her delight that concrete efforts are being made towards promoting linguistic excellence among Malaysian students, and that programmes such as the DKLS Linguistic Ambassador Award should be encouraged in order to develop future generations of Malaysians who are versatile and capable of excelling in the globalised world.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION
THE EVENT BEGAN WITH GUESTS ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION



SOCIALISATION
WHILE WAITING FOR THE CEREMONY
TO START, GUESTS WERE ABLE TO
INTERACT AND NETWORK WITH
STUDENTS, PARENTS & EDUCATORS.



ARRIVAL OF GUEST OF HONOUR
THE HONOURABLE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION MALAYSIA, YANG BERTHORMAT PUAN TEO NIE CHING



**APPRECIATION ADDRESS BY DATO' DING PEI CHAI,
CHAIRMAN OF DKLS INDUSTRIES BERHAD**



“The agenda on Driving English Language Excellence in Malaysian secondary schools is thought to be a very timely and motivating national initiative. It relates to our national interest. We must invest and nurture future generations of Malaysia with good command of English to become versatile players in the globalised world. And more significantly, to regain Malaysia’s position in the forefront of Nations of Distinction within the Commonwealth that we once cherished some five decades ago.

To enable DKLS Linguistic Ambassador Award Programme to attain such level of intellectual maturity, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Malaysia Ministry of Education for recognising and supporting such programme right from the start”.

**INSPIRATION ADDRESS BY YANG BERTHORMAT PUAN TEO NIE CHING,
THE HONOURABLE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION**



“I would like to register my highest appreciation to DKLS Foundation for their engagement in Driving English Excellence in Malaysian Secondary Schools. Through effective collaboration with the Ministry of Education, DKLS Linguistic Ambassador Award Programme is set to become a motivating force in encouraging the target student group to elevate their command of English.

This CSR initiative spearheaded by the DKLS Foundation is gaining academic importance. It promotes the use of the English language among the targeted group of students which features a fully-interactive online learning course that prepares students in tackling the upcoming SPM English paper. This is surely a one-of-a-kind competition. For this, I appreciate DKLS Foundation, the Australian National University, ELS Language Centres and ICT Learning, for putting this together for the fourth year running”.

MOTIVATIONAL WORDS

BY MR BENJAMIN HOWARD, EMINENT GUEST FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA



“In life, we are faced with so many different challenges and opportunities. And, there are so many times in life where we need to be fearless, to have the courage to take risks. Dare to dream a little bit. Make mistakes. Don’t try to be perfect. We all have fear. Life is just a dance between love and fear, and we have all experienced both. And I tell you that love is the right path.

Life is also about time. Value your time. It is more important than you’ll ever know. There are times in life when sometimes we don’t get to say the words that we wanted to say.

Education was a breakthrough for me. I lost both of my brothers - every dollar that I have ever earned, every dollar in this world - will never buy a second of time. Time is free but it is the most valuable thing we have in this world. So, to the students and adults as well, I would challenge you today never hold back the words, never hold back your creativity, never let fear win. When you have to take that dance in life between love and fear, choose love.

Life is but a season. If the sun shines every single day, nothing will ever grow. If it rains all the time, nothing will ever grow. Life is a balance of seasons but all those seasons come together to serve a purpose. Of course I miss both my brothers everyday. Choose to find the gift in pain, choose to find the gift in winter, and make winter your season and when times are tough - and time will get tough - remember that winter can be your season to shine . When you are in the darkest, become the brightest. Dark cannot exist with light and vice versa.

Value your time. Value yourselves above everything. Dare to dream. Dare to make mistakes. Dare to be the best version of you that you can be”.





GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALLIST

Back Row L - R

Cdr (Retd) Poon Wee Ching (EXCO Member, DKLS Foundation), Dr Teh Bing Le (EXCO Member, DKLS Foundation), Madam Tan Kim Low (EXCO Member, DKLS Foundation), Mr Benjamin Howard (Eminent Guest from South Australia), Ir Sam Tuck Wah (EXCO Chairman, DKLS Foundation & Executive Director, DKLS Industries Bhd), Dato' Ding Pei Chai (Chairman, DKLS Industries Bhd), Mr Ding Poi Bor (Managing Director, DKLS Industries Bhd), Encik Zulkifly bin Nordin (Deputy Director, Sport, Art & Curricular Division Ministry of Education), Ms Ding Soo King (Executive Finance Director, DKLS Industries Bhd), Mr Sean Chee (Executive Director, ELS Language Centres) and Mr KK Tang (Director, ICT Interactive Sdn Bhd)

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GROUP PHOTO

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- School of Gold Medallist : Puan Siti Noridah Ujang, School Principle SMK Tunku Besar, Tampin, N.Sembilan

Front Row L-R : Most Promising Writer

- Alya Imanina binti Dzulkhalif from Kolej Datu Patinngi Abang Haji Abdillah, Kuching, Sarawak
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PRESENTATION OF MEMENTO FROM DATO' DING PEI CHAI TO YANG BERTHORMAT PUAN TEO NIE CHING AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION



ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BRONZE MEDALLIST, EZZAH WARDINA



Assalamualaikum w.b.t. and a very good morning.

It is an honor for me to be standing here in this ceremonial event today.

Before I proceed with my speech, it is a must for me to deliver some acknowledgements. First and foremost, I would like to thank the DKLS foundation on behalf of organizing this decent and beneficial competition. A huge thank you to Coach Aqeelah, who guided me solely through the computer screen. Next, I would like to give a special thanks to my English teacher, Mrs. Kalavathy, who never stopped encouraging me, and my parents, who have always been my backbone in times of difficulty.

When I first took the online lessons, I learned and explored new paths of writing in English. These new ways of writing, I found out, was not known by most Malaysian students. Therefore, it is my duty to encourage every Malaysian student to participate in this DKLS Essay Writing Competition in hope of enjoying the perks of writing different types of essays in English.

For me, winning third place has made me feel ecstatically happy. I am grateful to be given this opportunity, to be delivering a speech in front of such talented people. I hope that in the future, I will have more opportunities to expand my knowledge and go further in depth in the English Language.

Thank you.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH SILVER MEDALLIST, KUHAANEETHA BAI



A very good morning to YB Puan Teo Nie Ching, Deputy Minister of Education Malaysia, teachers, fellow students and everyone present here today. I am thankful to be standing here today as a silver medallist of this competition, but more importantly, I stand here to represent the students who have greatly benefitted from this essay competition and the online lessons conducted by DKLS. The online writing programme has immensely helped us in polishing our writing skills. Not only were we able to explore different types of essays that we did not dare write before, we also mastered crafting those essays through enjoyable lessons and the help of the coaches. The skill of writing an essay does not just help us score better in our examinations, but benefits us greatly even after we finish pursuing our education and begin our jobs. It is a life-long skill, and we are grateful to have been given the opportunity to learn it.

This year's topics for the essay competition gave us students a chance to reflect on issues around us, to question and to wonder. Some wrote about education as a right or a privilege, while others wrote of the way they would positively change the world. We should remember that our words are not merely letters on paper. They are the ideas, perceptions and promises that we should uphold and spread to others. Thanks to this competition, we are more aware of the power our words hold and we are now able to use our words better to properly utilize that power.

I would like to express my gratitude to my English teacher for introducing this programme to me, as writing is a skill I truly cherish, and participating in this programme has helped me enhance it. Thank you to everyone at DKLS for organizing this amazing programme. I hope that it continues to benefit students from across Malaysia for many more years to come, as all of us who have participated in this programme have. Thank you.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH GOLD MEDALLIST, SITI HANISAH



A very good morning to the Deputy Minister of Education, Yang Berhormat Puan Teo Nie Ching, officials from the Ministry of Education, sponsors, teachers, fellow participants and parents who are present.

I, on behalf of my school, SMK Tunku Besar Tampin, Negeri Sembilan wish to express our gratitude and thanks to the sponsors of this competition. This competition is good. It encourages us Malaysian students to improve our proficiency in English, as English is the international language for communication for most people in the world. Joining the DKLS competition has definitely helped me to know more about the different types of essay and the myriad of techniques that can be used to write. I really enjoyed the competition from the beginning until the end, because it is my first time taking part in a competition like this and I find it very intriguing and beneficial.

I wish to also extend my thanks to my father for always encouraging me to improve my English through reading newspapers and speaking it daily. Also, thank you to my mother for her never ending love and support throughout the whole process of this competition, and also, the one person that I owe my biggest thanks to, my teacher, Puan Sheila for first introducing me to this competition and constantly motivating me to give my best from the start until the end.

I hope this competition will continue for years to come, so that the benefits can be reaped by thousands more students in the future.

Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS



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张念群（后排左九）颁发奖项给2019年DKLS语言大使荣誉奖作文比赛得奖者后合影。左八为陈培才。

今年是DKLS语言大使荣誉奖作文比赛迈入第4年，参与的学生人数，也从2016年的8529人增至今年的2万零582人，增长141%。
DKLS基金会在文告中指

DKLS 語言大使榮譽獎作文賽 茜蒂哈妮莎奪金獎

出，参与的学校也从185所增加至322所；成功完成这项计划的學生人数增长了211%。
来自森美兰淡边的东姑

勿刹国中的茜蒂哈妮莎夺得2019年DKLS语言大使荣誉奖作文比赛金奖，并获得前往澳洲国立大学游学7天的机会及1000澳元奖金。
出席者包括DKLS工业董事主席拿督陈培才。

DKLS Linguistic Ambassador Award 2019 Essay Writing Competition Prize Presentation Ceremony

This is the fourth year of the annual competition organised by DKLS. Students' participation increased by 141%, from 8,529 in 2016 to 20,582 this year. The total schools participated increased from 185 to 322 schools. The total number of students who completed the entire programme grew by 211%. Siti Hanisah from SMK Tunku Besar, Tampin, Negeri Sembilan won the Gold Medal and was awarded the grand prize of a seven-day study tour to the Australian National University with cash prize of AUD1,000.

Langkah atasi masalah penutupan sekolah jika fenomena jerebu berlarutan

Sesi pembelajaran secara online

Oleh KU MOHD. RIZDUAN KU ADUL RAHMAN

KUALA LUMPUR – Kumpulan Bertindak Ibu Bapa bagi Pendidikan (PAGE) menyambut baik keputusan Kementerian Pendidikan yang mengambil inisiatif supaya sesi pengajaran dan pembelajaran (PdP) diteruskan secara online sekiranya masalah jerebu di negara ini masih berlarutan.

Pengerusinya, Datin Noor Azimah Abdul Rahim berkata, beliau memuji usaha yang dijalankan oleh kementerian berkenaan kerana dapat memanfaatkan teknologi maklumat seperti internet untuk sesi PdP dan menyifatkan ia sebagai langkah yang bagus.

Namun, beliau turut membangkitkan persoalan sama ada langkah itu mampu dilaksanakan dengan baik kerana bimbang jika ada segelintir pelajar tidak memaklumkan perkara itu kepada ibu bapa.

"Ini merupakan inisiatif yang bagus daripada Kementerian

Pendidikan. Meskipun ada setengah kawasan mungkin liputan internet tidak baik, saya berasakan sesi PdP akan berjalan lancar.

"Bagaimanapun, pihak sekolah perlu memastikan adakah pelajar yang terlibat dalam sesi PdP secara online ini membuat kerja rumah seperti diberikan oleh cikgu masing-masing. Paling penting, sama ada cikgu atau pelajar yang berdisiplin, itu sahaja," katanya ketika dihubungi *Kosmo!* semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Noor Azimah berpendapat, sesi persekolahan bagi kawasan yang mengalami kekangan liputan internet ketika sesi PdP dalam tempoh tersebut tidak perlu diganti kerana pelajar juga boleh belajar perkara lain di rumah.

"Saya rasa para pelajar boleh kejar balik apa yang mereka ketinggalan. Tiada masalah," ujarnya.

Semalam, Timbalan Menteri Pendidikan, Teo Nie Ching berkata, PdP akan diteruskan secara dalam talian jika penutupan sekolah berlarutan ekoran



NIE CHING (tiga dari kiri) menyampaikan anugerah kepada pemenang utama Pertandingan Menulis Esei, Siti Hanisah Abdul Razak (tiga dari kanan) di Kementerian Pendidikan, Putrajaya semalam.

masalah jerebu.

Beliau berkata, Kementerian Pendidikan memantau rapi situasi jerebu di negara ini terutamanya menjelang ujian bertulis Pentaksiran Tingkatan Tiga (PT3) yang dijadualkan bermula 30 September ini.

"Jika ini (jerebu) berlanjutan, kita akan ambil tindakan yang sama seperti insiden yang berlaku di Pasir Gudang (Johor) iaitu meminta guru terlibat untuk meneruskan sesi PdP melalui dalam talian," katanya kepada media selepas menghadiri

INFO Bacaan IPU setakat pukul 6 petang semalam

Sangat Tidak Sihat

- Sarikei, Sarawak (202)
- Samarahan, Sarawak (202)
- Kuching, Sarawak (229)

Tidak Sihat

- Tasek Ipoh, Perak (103)
- Cheras, Kuala Lumpur (146)
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- Petaling Jaya, Selangor (132)
- Shah Alam, Selangor (118)
- Nilai, Negeri Sembilan (129)
- Segamat, Johor (103)
- Miri, Sarawak (106)
- Johan Setia, Klang (138)

Majlis Penyerahan Hadiah bagi Pertandingan Menulis Esei DKLS *Linguistic Ambassador Award* di sini semalam.

Katanya, guru-guru juga dinasihatkan untuk memberi tugasan kepada pelajar yang sedang bercuti sekarang melalui *Google Classroom* kerana sekolah ditutup sebagai opsyen pelantar pembelajaran alternatif.

KUALA LUMPUR : Teaching and learning sessions will be undertaken via the Internet if schools remain closed due to the haze, says Deputy Education Minister YB Puan Teo Nie Ching. **Speaking to the media after attending the Prize Presentation Ceremony for DKLS Linguistic Ambassador Award 2019 Essay Writing Competition on Friday (Sept 20)**, the Deputy Minister said the ministry was monitoring the haze, particularly in view of the PT3 written examination for Form Three students, scheduled to begin on Sept 30. The minister added that teachers at schools which are currently closed, had already been asked to give their students tasks via the Google Classroom application



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