

ESU MALAYSIA ANNUAL REPORT 2012 - 2013

ESU GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE AWARDS 2012:

The English Speaking Union of Malaysia (ESU Malaysia), as part of its ESU Malaysia - Gift of Knowledge Program, donated books, a selection of 40 award winning titles to Malaysia's UiTM Resource Center, for public enjoyment. The purpose of this effort is to bring English literature to schools that might otherwise not have financial access to these publications, and by doing so, help to raise students' and other readers' proficiency in English.

Public speaking workshops:

We conducted workshops before the national competition.

We are working with Standchart to organise an Essay Competition for children and adults with monetary prizes.

ESU MALAYSIA'S PROGRAM WITH UITM

ESU Malaysia created and led a short but intensive three session program for 10 university students of UITM, Shah Alam, who are specialising in Education. These modules were led by Mrs. Gail Featherstone, Ms. Emily Lee (who have over 50 years of combined teaching experience), Datin Shalini Ganendra and UITM Lecturer Puan Adzura Eliew.

Content presented creative ways of engaging and developing interest, while maintaining class control. The basic premise of the sessions was: if students enjoy class, they will learn more and eventually, have better exam performance. The modules encouraged participation and discussion amongst all group participants. These UITM students will have the opportunity to test these techniques through practical application, at schools throughout the Klang Valley.

ESU MALAYSIA WEBSITE

The ESU Malaysia Website has been restructured to provide free support information on Public Speaking and Teaching techniques, based on our experience and received feedback. We hope that this resource will be appreciated and used. www.esumalaysia.com.my

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION - LONDON

The 2012 Grand Final saw representatives from Canada, South Africa, China, Denmark, Malaysia and Hong Kong and all six individuals spoke passionately on their chosen topics. The Audience Choice Award went to Stephen Buabeng-Baidoo from South Africa and the runnerup was Jiehao Chen from China. But the winner of this year's International Public Speaking Competition was Marina Hsien Wei Tan from Malaysia. During Marina's speech, which was entitled "The Game Changer" she spoke persuasively on the power of young people to bring about meaningful change.

TEA RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF MARINA TAN

ESU Malaysia had a tea-party for our Malaysian representative Ms Marina Tan, a young lass from Penang, who received the 1st place in the Public Speaking Competition, London. Apart from the Committee members and members, HE Mr Simon Featherstone and his wife Gail Featherstone and also Mr Gavin Anderson, Director of the British Council Malaysia attended this function.

NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2013

12 finalists were shortlisted from 25 participants nationwide and Thevesh Thevananthan was selected to represent Malaysia.

MALAYSIA WINS THE AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD AT THE INTENATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2013 IN LONDON

Thevesh Thevananthan, 17, from Sekolah Kebangsaan Bukit Jambul, Penang, the winner of the The StarEnglish Speaking Union (Malaysia)-PKT Logistics Public Speaking Competition 2013 beat 53 other countries to emerge as the Audience Choice Winner Award at the recent World Championships of Public Speaking held in London on the 17th.of May, 2013.

What is your plan for 2013-2014

EPAL PROGRAM

The Gift of Knowledge program has fostered an EPAL program between two secondaries. St. Mary's School, KL and Rodean a school in England may be involved in this programme soon, forging cross cultural engagement through the use of the English Language.

CARNIVAL

ESU Malaysia is considering holding a Carnival to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. We need to secure a good Event Organizer and sponsor. Timing may be considered for beginning of next year. It is planned to hold activities teaching English the whole day and children, students and adults alike can choose to select what they would like to hear and see with food stalls to entice them further.