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Malaysian English Teachers rise to the COVID 19 challenge

The Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA) hosted a webinar entitled **‘Rising to the Challenge’** where teacher presenters shared their experiences of online teaching during the Movement Control Order.

Organised by the MELTA Kuala Lumpur Chapter and the association’s Special Projects Bureau, the webinar offered a full house of 250 participants the opportunity to hear from 6 presenters. Dr Grace Lim from the University of Malaya shared about the paradigm shift of teaching and learning where she had to rethink and redesign lessons to provide instructional support which differed from face to face pedagogy. Ms Li Sheau Juin from SMK Dato Lokman shared how she used a pen tablet to interact and give real time feedback to students as well as enable them to collaborate. Amelia Tan Siok Leh from SMK Saint Mary, whose challenge was marking essays for Form 5 students, showed participants how students’ scripts were graded using coloured pens to differentiate errors on Google Classroom. Mr Eugene Mark Morais’ (RMC) detailed explanation of the steps taken to plan and execute his lesson and even post lesson ‘open house’ interactive sessions with fun activities like Tik Tok inspired the participants. Michelle Lim of SMK Bandar Puchong Jaya B shared her formula for executing Action Oriented Tasks and group work via online lessons. Dr Teh Pei Ling from SMK Desaminium showed how listening and speaking of the CEFR aligned curriculum can be carried out via telegram and WhatsApp.

The sharing session revealed that teachers can rise to the challenge by seeking self-directed professional development which equipped them with the necessary skills to connect with their students. The underlying motto is, “Come what may, the show must go on.”

MELTA will continue to host webinar sessions and engage English language teachers to support their continuing professional development.

MELTA is a not-for-profit organisation which is committed to the promotion of English language education in Malaysia. The association was founded in 1958 and is the oldest English language teaching association in Malaysia.