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ZURAIDAH MOHD DON, the Chair of the English Language Standards and Quality Council is a professor in the Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, University of Malaya. She was formerly Dean of the Faculty of Languages and Linguistics and Chair of the Council of Deans. She is currently the adviser to the Council of Language Deans. Her teaching is integrated with her research and publications, especially in discourse analysis, which is her original field of expertise, and which requires high level and detailed analysis across linguistics as a discipline, and the application of linguistic expertise to real world problems. She has more than 150 publications including books, book chapters and articles in ISI journals. She is on the Editorial Board of two IS-indexed journals, in addition to one Scopus-indexed journal and an international peer-reviewed journal of linguistics published by Edinburgh University Press.



ANNA CHRISTINA ABDULLAH is a Professor at the School of Educational Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang. Prof. Anna's areas of specialisation are Preschool Education, Curriculum and Instruction. Her current research interests are culturally responsive curriculum and preschool teachers' professional development. Her work in English language education includes research and development of English language modules for primary schools, especially for rural and underachieving populations in projects such as Project InSPIRE-KBSR and Project InSPIRE-Sabah. She is the Chairperson of the Preschool Education Committee of the Penang Education Council (PEC). She was a recipient of the Endeavour Research Fellowship awarded by the Department of Education, Science and Technology, Australia, She holds a Visiting Professor position at the Centre for International Cooperation in Education (CICE); Hiroshima University, Japan



HAZITA AZMAN is Professor of Applied Linguistics and Language Literacy Studies at the Sustainability of Language Sciences Research Centre, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSK), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). Together with her research team, she has won 13 research medals at the university and national levels. Most notably, two research projects that she headed had won gold medals at the national levels: Rural e-literacy and readiness for online language learning and iELLS-Interactive English Language Literacy system. At the international level, she has presented as plenary speaker at numerous international conferences and is currently affiliated to the Centre of Multilingualism and Multiliteracies Research Centre, University of Reading, United Kingdom as its international research fellow from 2015-2017. Hazita Azman has served as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities from 2011 until 2016.



MARDZIAH HAYATI ABDULLAH is a newly retired Associate Professor from the Department of English, Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication, Universiti Putra Malaysia. She has been acquainted with English Language studies and English Language education for the past 36 years. She has a Diploma in ESL from Victoria University, Wellington, a Bachelor of Education (First Class Hons) in TESL from UPM, and Master's and PhD degrees in Language Education from Indiana University, Bloomington, U.S.A. Her teaching, research and publications in UPM focused on English language education at various levels of learning, discourse in the media and ICT environments, semiotic analysis and qualitative inquiry. She was the first Director of the Centre for the Advancement of Language Competence (CALC) in UPM and formerly an active committee member in MELTA (the Malaysian English Teaching Association).



RAMESH NAIR is associate professor at the Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA. Having earned his bachelor's and postgraduate degrees in English Language Studies, he has continued to be involved in English language education in various capacities. In recent years, he was part of research teams that assessed English language programmes initiated by the Ministry of Education Malaysia such as the Oral Proficiency in English for Secondary Schools (Ops-English) and the Professional Upskilling of English Language Teachers (Pro-ELT). Ramesh currently serves as the Director of Journals for the Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA), and keenly supports the association's endeavour to promote the professional development of Malaysian English language teachers.



RAJA NOR SAFINAS RAJA HARUN is an Associate Professor at the English Language and Literature Department, Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris. She had held administrative posts as the Dean, Faculty of Languages and Communication and Deputy Dean, Academic, Institute of Graduate Studies. She is at present a lead researcher for the Curriculum in Developing a Malaysian Teacher Education Model and a lead researcher for the Meaningful Inquiry Model for Developing ESL Student Teachers. In addition, with other members of her team, she has commercialized the CaELT (Computer Adaptive English Language Test) in collaboration with MIMOS Berhad. Her areas of publication and research include ESL teacher education, classroom discourse, innovative pedagogy and technology and English for Specific Purposes (ESP). In the year 2015, she was the recipient for the prestigious National Academic Award under the category for Teaching and Learning Award (Social Science and Arts), organised by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia.



JAYA PUSHANI T. PONNUDURAI A.M.N. worked with the Ministry of Education for 34 years before she retired in 2011 as Head of Department of Quality Assurance at the English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC). She taught in schools for 8 years before joining Teacher Training Institutions in 1986. Jaya Pushani has a B.A.(Hons) in English Literature and Dip Ed. in TESL from the University of Malaya and an M. Ed in Measurement and Evaluation from the University of Manchester. She has been involved with the PMR and SPM English Language examinations since 1977 and was Chief Examiner for the SPM-Cambridge 1119/1 and 1119/2 English Language Paper. She currently works with the British Council as an Examiner Trainer and Examiner for the Cambridge IELTS and Life Skills Exams. She is also an examiner for the IGCSE English Language paper.

Secretariat Officers



FARAH MARDHY AMAN was appointed the Deputy Director of the English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC) on 15 January 2018. Prior to this, she was the Head of Management Services Department and held the post for eight years. She received her B.Ed.TESL (Hons) from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in 1995 and M.Sc. HRD from Universiti Putra Malaysia in 2002. Farah started her career as an English language teacher in 1995. To fulfill her immense interest and passion towards the area of Human Resource Management and Human Resource Development, Farah then joined the Text Book Division in 2003 as an Assistant Director in the Secondary School Publishing Sector. In 2005, she joined ELTC as a Student Affairs' Officer and was further appointed to the post of Course Secretary from 2006-2009.



SARINA SALIM is passionate about creating learning opportunities for children and making them achieve their true potential. As the Head Secretariat Officer of the English Language Standards and Quality Council, Sarina works closely with her colleagues and the panel of experts to map out strategies to transform English language education in the country. This, she believes, is important to ensure that our students become competent users of the language and be able to compete in the globalised world. Sarina's wide repertoire of skills gained from her experiences as a secondary school teacher, Assistant Director at the Curriculum Development Division and Senior Lecturer at Institut Aminuddin Baki puts her in the right stead to perform her responsibilities at the secretariat.

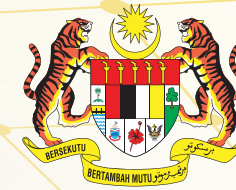


LOOI LIN ENG has been teaching English to secondary students for the past 26 years. She held the position of Senior Subject Teacher since 2002 before joining the English Language Standards and Quality Council as a secretariat officer. She graduated with a Diploma in TESL in 1990. In 1999 she obtained her M.Ed. from University of Malaya and in 2012 she was awarded a PhD in TESL from Universiti Putra Malaysia. She is passionate about exploring diverse teaching strategies for diverse learners. Her area of interest is multiple intelligences and writing.

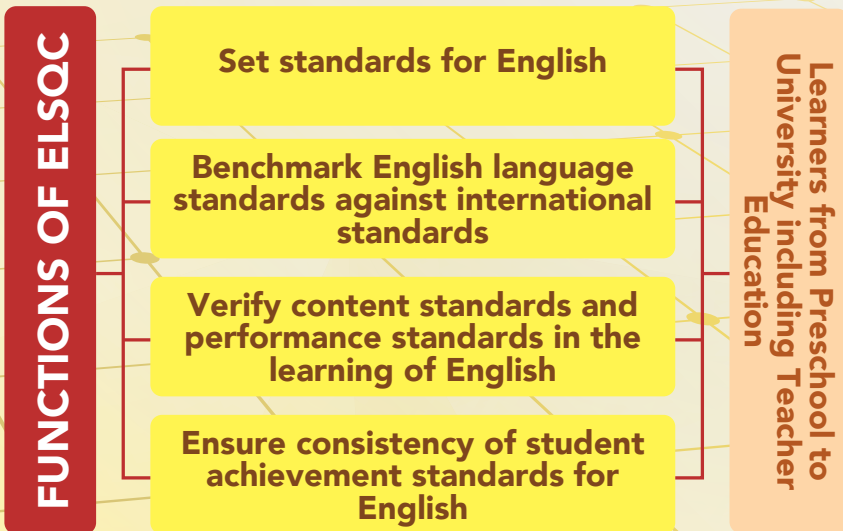


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