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This issue comes as Brunei begins to lift measures taken in response to COVID19. Inevitably, restrictions have affected the way we work, but, despite this, SHBIE continues to work towards the highest standards in research and teaching. The faculty is ready for the 'new normal', particularly in relation to the schools, which are at the heart of our work.

# UBD RISES HIGHER IN GLOBAL RANKINGS

This year's results are out and, once again, UBD has made great strides in the QS global rankings, rising to 254th in the world, a jump of 44 places since last year. Significant rises are also evident in UBD's placing in the rankings of the top 50 universities under 50 years old (34th), and in the Asia-only rankings (86th). These rises in UBD rankings reflect in no small part the intensity of the university's research output, rated as 'very high' by QS. SHBIE is proud to have been able to contribute to these achievements. Great things are in store!

## **SHBIE NEWS**

### Lesson study / Lesson Study in Portugal

Prof Keith Wood has been invited to act as consultant on a major new three year project in Portugal to apply lesson study to lessons in Portuguese primary and secondary schools, across a range of school subjects with in-service and prospective teachers. The project, based at the University of Lisbon, will lead to the publication of many papers and an international conference. Prof Wood is recognised as an international authority on lesson study and is one of the founding series editors for the new WALS-*Routledge Lesson Study series*. The first three titles in the series will appear in 2020.

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#### Lesson study / Lesson Study In Brunei

A member of SHBIE's Mathematics Education team has recently published a paper looking at the application of lesson study in the Bruneian context. The paper, entitled Exploring Teachers' Values and Valuing Process in School-Based Lesson Study: A Brunei Darussalam Case Study and co-authored by Nor Azura Haji Abdullah and Frederick Koon Shing Leung looks at the influence of the bilingual context in the mathematics classrooms of Brunei in relation to value indicators at three different levels in the curriculum: intended, implemented and attained. The paper appears in a new edited volume from Springer, Values and Valuing in Mathematics Education: Scanning and Scoping the Territory Contact: azura.abdullah@ubd.edu.bn

#### Citizen education / Raising Awareness of ASEANess Dr Sallimah Mohd. Salleh and Dr Hajah

Rosmawijah Haji Jawawi have participated in a collaborative research project of 10 ASEAN countries, led by Prof. Hirata of University of Oita, and AP Akiko Kamogawa of University of Yamanashi, Japan, and funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). The project involved a Delphi survey on the current awareness, issues and prospects of citizenship education among the ASEAN member states. For Brunei Darussalam, the survey was distributed to 300 primary and 300 secondary students, 360 school teachers, headmasters and principals, university lecturers and parents. The results of the research will be published as a chapter entitled "Citizenship Education in Brunei to Raise Awareness of ASEANness" in a book from Springer towards the end of the year,. Contact: rosmawijah.jawawi@ubd. edu.bn and sallimah.salleh@ubd.edu.bn

## **Conduct of research / The ASEAN RCR** Project

Dr Siti Norhedayah has been selected to join the fully funded ASEAN Responsible Conduct of Research Project, a flagship programme of the ASEAN Young Scientists Network. The programme runs for three years and includes workshop training, application, peer support and mentorship in the project. The aim is to give participants pedagogical and leadership training as well as network development to formulate regional collaborative strategies for responsible research. Participants commit to championing research integrity in their area of expertise in the ASEAN region, whether this is in engineering, social sciences, arts or the humanities. Contact: norhedayah.latif@ubd.edu.bn

SHBIE BOOK NEWS



Sr Prof Phan Le ha has added many more titles to her series New Perspectives on Language and Education which she coedits for Multilingual Matters. This includes Language Education in a Changing World, for which AP Dr Andrew Littlejohn provided detailed editorial guidance for the published edition.

Dr. Rozaiman bin Makmun has a new book on qualitative research design (published by Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, Brunei), which features materials and experiences in



planning and conducting research at the doctoral level. The book also includes guidance on technical matters such as participants' consent, interview and observation scheduling, preparation of various forms, notes and others documents required.



Dr Hj Gamal Abdul Nasir Hj Zakaria has published two books related to the Holy Quran. Permisalan (Proverbs in the Quran) is published by International

Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and was launched at the Frankfurt Book Fair in October, officiated by Honourable Minister of Education, Malaysia. A second

## SHBIE GRADUATES POSTER DAY



SHBIE held a highly successful poster day for doctoral and M Ed researchers to present their work early in March. The day began with short presentations on their research, followed by a gallery event in which participants were able to interact directly with the researchers, supported by well-designed, engaging posters setting out their work. The event was organised by **Dr Hjh Salwa binti Dato Hj Mahalle**, Programme Leader of Graduate Professional Development (GDP) and her team and is certain to become a fixture in the SHBIE calendar. Guest of Honour was Associate Professor Ampuan Dr Hj Ibrahim Ampuan Tengah, Director of the Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddien Centre of Islamic Studies.

book, *Cerita-Cerita Teladan Dalam Al Quran*, containing stories from the Quran, was launched at the Brunei Book Fair, February 2020, officiated by Honourable Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Brunei.

#### SHBIE SEMINAR SERIES

2020 began with a rich programme of planned SHBIE Seminars, which has been interrupted due to the Covid19 measures. We hope to resume later in the year.
Events that took place included:
Dr Roslinawati binto Hj Roslan Learning Strategies in Primary Science Education Facing the Industrial Revolution 4.0
Dr Andrew Littlejohn (SHBIE), Dr Ishamina Athirah Gardiner and Dr Sarah Boye (Language Centre) The art of reading minds: Personal Construct Theory and investigating the language classroom

## **SELECTED RECENT PAPERS**

• Siti Norhedayah Haji Abdul Latif 'Do parents and teachers in Brunei think alike about adolescents' emotional and behavioural difficulties?'. Paper presented at the 3rd International Conference on Special Education 2019 (ICSE, 2019) in Surabaya, Indonesia. Publication under review.

• Andrew Littlejohn and Hayo Reinders. (2020). 'Sharing your work and getting published'. In Coombe, Christine, Anderson, Neil J., Stephenson, Lauren (Eds.). Professionalizing Your English Language Teaching. Springer.

• Gamal Abdul Nasir Hj Zakaria 'Incorporating active learning into moral education to develop Multiple Intelligences: A Qualitative approach'. In Indonesia Journal on Learning and Advance Education, Vol.3/1, 2020 • Gamal Abdul Nasir Hj Zakaria 'The

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2020). Guest editors. Special Issue – "The Collaboration Project between Engaging With Vietnam and the Journal of Vietnamese Studies", Journal of Vietnamese Studies. University of California Press

• Mariyam Shareefa, Rohani Hj Awg Matzin, Nor Zaiham Midawati Abdullah, Rosmawijah Jawawi. Differentiated Instruction: Definition and Challenging Factors Perceived by Teachers. Employability Skills: Perspectives Between Pre-Vocational Programme Teachers and Employers in Brunei Darussalam. Advances in Social Science, Education and Humanities Research, Vol. 388 (ICSE 2019).

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## FEATURED IN-PROGRESS RESEARCH PROJECT

Teachers' best practice in internalizing values related to the use of polite language

Dr. Rozaiman bin Makmun (Principal Investigator) is leading a research project to explore the beliefs and practices of teachers of Malay Language, Malay Literature and Malay Islamic Monarchy in Brunei secondary schools. The project is researching how far teachers internalize language politeness in their teaching and the extent to which they implement an appreciation of moral values. The project is seen within the broader curriculum aims of education in the schools (known as SPN21) and the goals of Brunei's Vision 2035. Quantitative data stages are now complete; qualitative data stages are ongoing. Team members include Dr Hih Suraya binti Haji Tarasat, Sri Kartika binti Hj Abd Rahman, Noradinah binti Jaidi from SHBIE and AP Dr Roslina binti Abu Bakar, from Universiti Putra Malaysia Contact:

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