

Unique and innovative eBooth

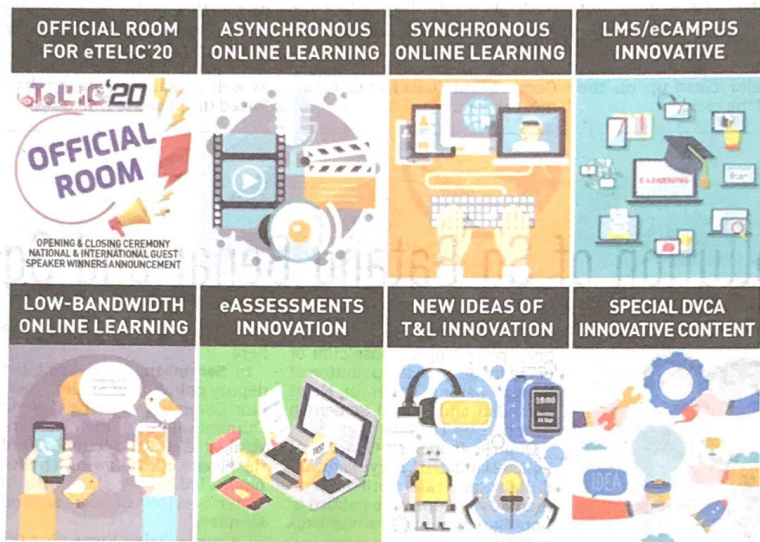
KOTA BARU: Amidst current uncertainties, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan's Centre for Excellence and Academic Development (CAED) recently came up with an online booth solution for its annual innovation competition, 1st eTeaching Enhancement and Learning Innovation Carnival (1st eTeLIC).

The eBooth concept was introduced to retain the spirit of togetherness while encouraging real-time knowledge sharing among participants and visitors alike, in line with the new norms.

CAED director Prof Dr Suria Baba said the carnival creatively and innovatively developed the eBooth Carnival Hall by replacing the face-to-face exhibition in an open area to an online live presentation booth via Google Meet.

"The uniqueness of eTeLIC'20 lies in the way eBooths are arranged. Using a virtual exhibition site as the main platform, eBooths are numbered using simple icons according to the seven categories of eTeLIC'20 and these icons are directly connected to the specific online room where the juries and visitors were allowed to enter and interact in the live sessions with exhibitors during the competition."

"Although all eBooths could be easily accessed through the eTeLIC'20 platform, the eBooths have been equipped with optimal security features, as the participants were given full authority to manage their eBooths. Besides, the process of operating and browsing the platforms was smooth as the platform



is placed in high-end Cloud Server," she said.

Prof Suria added that the 1st eTeLIC was significant as it aimed to inculcate an innovation culture which optimised technological resources in developing Teaching and Learning (T&L) resources; foster ideation in the latest technology for the T&L environment; share new creations with the newest technology

towards cultivating IR4.0 and sustain eLearning materials to enhance and accelerate student engagement.

The competition was assessed according to seven categories which were Asynchronous Online Learning; Synchronous Online Learning; LMS/ Ecampus Innovative; Low Bandwidth Online Innovation; eAssessment; New ideas in T&L Innovation and the Deputy

Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) Award which focuses on the course outlook.

The carnival, held in September, was officiated by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) Prof Dr Mohd Rafi Yaacob.

It was well received by participants from public and private universities, polytechnics, teacher training institutes

and schools nationwide.

Participants included online learning practitioners and enthusiasts who have come up with new and innovative ideas.

"We also invited local and international speakers. Singapore Polytechnic's director of Life Skills and Communication, Lim Lee Yee also contributed by

sharing their experience executing eLearning and facing these challenging times."

"We were also fortunate that the Director of the Academic Excellence Division of Higher Education Department, Associate Professor Dr Wan Zuharis Saad, made time to share her thoughts in directing eLearning to be more flexible, dynamic and innovative. Her inspiration is endless and dynamic in assisting public universities embrace the new norm in online learning," added Prof Suria.

Prof Suria hoped that participants from the online carnival would be able to learn how to adapt and adopt new challenges in facing the new norms.

"We need to design our directions, create eLearning spaces in supporting academicians and students undergoing this new norm and cultivate new ideas creatively and critically in developing a futuristic and innovative mindset," she added.



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