

# Report of the Visit to Malaysia



**BLTeae**  
Blended Learning for Teacher  
Educators in Asia and Europe



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A delegation from International Islamic University Islamabad comprising upon Prof. Dr. N. B. Jumani (Director, Directorate of Distance Education), Prof. Dr. Samina Malik (Dean Faculty of Social Sciences), Dr. Shamsa Aziz (Chairperson Department of Education), Dr. Fouzia Ajmal (Assistant Professor Department of Education) and Mr. Ayaz Ali (Additional Director Finance, IIU) visited Malaysia from 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Purposes of visit were to participate in 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Education in the Digital Ecosystem (ICEdDE 2019) organized in connection with BLTeae Project and to visit Faculties/Departments/Colleges of Education for exploration of opportunities of collaborations. Department of Education under the leadership of Prof. Dr. N. B. Jumani participated as partner in a European funded project BLTeae. The purpose of the BLTeae project was to support teacher educators' professional development through Blended Learning based on innovative constructivist theories. The Blended Learning courseware aims to support a collaborative learning community made up of teacher educators in four European (France, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia) and four Asian countries – (Malaysia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan). The activities of the project (BLTeae) included:

- Defining the technological and pedagogical needs of the partners involved.
- Design Blended learning courseware with online and face-to-face training.
- Building and animating the collaborative and reflective learning community through the use of ePortfolio, video and online discussion.
- Share innovative scenarios about teaching practices.
- Working on a curriculum design for teacher training and to pilot the implementation of draft curriculum and the introduction of innovative practices.
- Conduction of Workshop & Conference in member countries for sharing of impact of project.



The detail activities of the delegation during visit are mentioned in the following pages.

## 1. ICEdDE 2019 (18<sup>th</sup> August to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019) Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

On 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 the opening ceremony of conference took place. The first International Conference on Education in the Digital Ecosystem kicked off on 19 August in the Riverside Majestic Hotel with the participation of the conference patron, The Honorable Dato Sri MchaelManyinakJawong, Minister of Education, Science and Technological Research, Sarawak. This high-spot in the lifetime of the BLTeae project brought together all the partners from Asia and Europe to share their experiences along with researchers and practitioners from all over Malaysia as well as participants from other countries. The conference featured a wealth of presentations and discussions on blended learning and its role in particular in teacher education.

## 2. Keynote session of the conference was Chaired by Prof. Dr.N.B.Jumani

The details of the session is as under

- **Keynote speaker I:** Prof. Dr. Pierre Dillenbourg, EPFL Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, Switzerland.
  - Topic: Classroom Orchestration
- **Keynote Speaker II:** Professor Dr. Lone Dirckinck – Holmfed; Department of Communication and Amp; Psychology, Faculty of the Humanities, Aalborg University, Denmark.
  - Topic: Blended Learning in Teacher Training – Innovation and Good Practices
- **Keynote speaker III:** Mr. JanneLansite; Senior lecturer; E-Learning Advisor; Oulu University of Applied Sciences School of Professional Teacher Education, Finland.
  - Topic: Video Pedagogy in Competence-Based Teacher Training and Continuing Professional Development



*Pic: Prof. Jumani addressing the audience during key note session as chair*

### 3. Parallel sessions

The detail of parallel sessions of the conference is as below

- Parallel Session I: Best Practices in Blended Learning.
  - Chair: SonamRinchen. (Bhutan)
- Parallel Session II: Social Media in Teacher Training.
  - Chair: SiawNyukHiong. (Malaysia)
- Parallel Session III: Best Practices in Blended Learning.
  - Chair: Md. Saifuddin Khalid. (Denmark)
- Parallel Session IV: Digital Education in Sustainable Development.
  - Chair: Mart Laanpere. (Estonia)
- Parallel Session V: Education Quality Assurance.
  - Chair: SikderMonoareMurshed. (Bangladesh)
- Parallel Session VI: Technology Enhanced Teaching and Learning.
  - Chair: Ling Siew Eng. (Malaysia)



*Pic: The delegation members at the conference venue*

### 4. Video workshop in Kuching( 19<sup>th</sup>& 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019)

As part of the ICEdDE 2019 conference, 32 teachers and teacher trainers took part in an intensive hands-on workshop on Creating and Using Video for Teaching and Learning, one of the BLTeae modules which was led by MathyVanbuel and Sally Reynolds from BLTeae partner ATiT in Belgium.



*Pic: Dr. Fouzia Ajmal attending the workshop session*

## 5. Closing Ceremony

Official closing of the conference was on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Rector, University Teknologi MARA, Sarawak Prof. Dato Dr. Jamil bin Haji Hamali was the chief guest.



*Pic: Prof. Dr. Jumani & Prof. Dr. Samina Malik with Dr. Maria Impedovo (Assistant Professor Aix Marseille University/Project Leader BLTeae)*



*Pic: Dr. Shamsa Aziz receiving her certificate of Paper Reviewer for the conference from the conference chair*

## 6. Management Meeting Regarding Local Diffusion Activity

Meeting regarding project documents and local diffusion activity detail was held on August 21, 2019. Ms. Marie Lucy, Project Manager discussed points of consideration during the meeting.



*Pic: Meeting with Ms. Marie Lucie (Project Manager BLTeae)*

## 7. Visit to Historical Places

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 visit to following places were arranged by conference organizers

- Semeneggoh Wildlife Centre
- Sarawak Cultural Village



*Pic: Group Photo of participants on the visit*

## 8. Meeting about project Management

The meeting of the conference took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019. Following were the discussion points of the meeting:

- The overall working, impact and further requirements/documentation of the BLTea project
- Modules developed during project
- Further collaboration opportunities



*Pic: Management meeting in process*

**9. Visit to University Teknologi MARA Kuching Sarwak, Malaysia (UiTMS2, BMU)**

On 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 the delegation visited UiTMS2, BMU. A meeting was held with Dy. Rector Coordinator International affairs, Director & Staff. Collaboration discussion regarding Student exchange, staff exchange, credit hour transfer, co publication took place. It was decided to have second conference in IIUI Pakistan in Oct/Nov 2020 in collaboration with UITM.



*Pic: Group picture at UiTMS2, BMU at Kuching, Sarawak*

**10. Visit to Institute of Teacher Education Tun Abdul Razak Campus, Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia**

In the afternoon of 26<sup>th</sup> August the delegation visited Institute of Teacher Education, Tun Abdul Razak Campus where they met with Director & Staff and had a discussion regarding Educational System and Teacher Education in both countries.



*Pic: Group picture at Institute of Teacher Education, Tun Abdul Razak Campus, Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia*

**11. Visit to University Kebangsaan Malaysia (National University Malaysia) Kawalampur Malaysia**

On 27<sup>th</sup> August the delegation visited National University Malaysia where they met with Coordinator International affairs, Dean & Staff and had detailed discussion on the education

system of both countries and academic potential as well as issues of each country. Deans of both universities showed their keen intentions of having an MOU between both universities. This visit was coordinated by Dr MaslawatiBt Mohamad.



*Pic: Group picture atUKM*

### **12. Visit to International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) Gombak Selangor**

On 28<sup>th</sup> August the delegation visited IIUM had a meeting with Dean of Education & Staff & Rector. A detailed discussion with dean & staff of Faculty of Education regarding credit hour transfer, co publication took place which was followed by a key notetalk by Prof. Dr N.B. Jumani on Teacher Education in Pakistan. A brief discussion with Rector on collaborations took place. The visit was coordinated by Dr Ismail Amzat Hussein.



*Pic: Key Note Talk by Prof. Dr. N. B. Jumani at International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Gombak Selangor*

### **13. Visit to the Faculty of Education, University Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Puncak Alam**

On 29<sup>th</sup> August the delegation visited UiTM Puncak Alam campus and had deliberation on student, credit hour transfer, co publication with Dean of Education & Staff. That was followed by lecture by Dr N.B. Jumani on Teacher Education and potentials and challenges of Teacher Education in Pakistan along with teacher education scenario in Asia.



This visit was coordinated by Dr Leele Susana BtJamian.



*Pic: Group picture at UiTMPuncakAlam*

## **WAY FORWARD**

Now certain activities have to take place as a follow up of this visit which are:

- **Diffusion activity**

Dissemination of activities and concepts of BLTea in local universities of Pakistan, an amount of 5000 Euro has been approved by European Commission and these activities are about to be completed.

- **Holding 2nd ICeDDE**

Organization & hosting of a conference by DoE, IIUI in collaboration with UiTM Malaysia in OCT/NOV 2020

- **MoUs**

Signing of MoUs by competent authority of IIU with Malaysian Universities