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Our language environment in Singapore is fast changing. Without doubt, home language use has an important bearing on students' readiness, proficiency and attitude towards the learning of Mother Tongue Language (MTL). For Malay Language (ML) students, the use of ML at home is still prevalent (50%), with one-third using both English Language (EL) and ML, and the remaining 17% using predominantly EL. However, there is a rising trend across all communities, of English Language becoming the main language spoken at home.

As educators, our concern is how we can motivate and support the learning of students. Hence, going forward, we will make the necessary adjustments and changes to the teaching and learning of MTL. We would need to strengthen classroom practices to ensure that students continue to have a keen interest to learn their mother tongue. At the same time, we would need to engage our digital natives in school through leveraging on the wider use of ICT-enabled pedagogy. Furthermore, to make teaching and learning meaningful and enjoyable, we would need to provide our students with an immersive environment to learn and use the language. I believe that we can succeed in given the strong sense of professionalism of our teachers.

The theme of the Malay Language Seminar 2011, 'Empowering Teachers, Enabling Learners in the 21st Century Teaching and Learning' is a timely one. This is very much in line with the recommendations of the Ministry's MTL review, expressed in the call to nurture active learners and proficient users. To achieve this aspiration, we need to empower our teachers with new curriculum, pedagogy and assessment, supporting them through effective structured training and development programmes. I am confident our teachers are forthcoming to improve themselves and to grow as professionals. This is evident with many of them willing to share their best practices in this seminar. I am sure there are many interesting classroom pedagogies in this year seminar that we can learn from, improve and innovate.

I wish all presenters and participants a successful and enriching seminar.

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Bilingualism is a cornerstone of our education policy. The learning of the Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) affirmed our culture, root and identity in a multicultural setting in Singapore. These processes play a major role in a student life. Therefore teachers play a major role in engaging the learners of the 21st century.

Throughout the years, the role of teachers encompasses the transmit of knowledge, nurturing the development of skills and to inculcate values. Beyond this role, teachers are also known as the catalyst of change and also a role model for their students. Stepping into the educational realm of the 21st century, our teachers will be embarking into a more challenging landscape to enable and to engage our digital native learners. To do this our teachers need the empowerment. For a start, sharing among the fellow practitioners will be a good form empowerment.

This year Malay Language Seminar is an excellent platform for our ML teachers to get together annually and share their best practices. I am delighted to see a collaborative effort of the Malay Language Unit (MLU) and the Malay Language Centre of Singapore (MLCS). We hope, through seminar like this, we are able to empower our ML teachers to implement engaging pedagogies. This year, there is a total of 24 papers presented including one from keynote speaker and twenty three teachers from primary, secondary and junior college. We hope that this publication will serve as a good reference resource for all seminar participants.

The theme for the Malay Language seminar 2011 - *'Empowering Teachers, Enabling Learners in the 21st Century Teaching and Learning'* is in line with our recent MTL review committee report to nurture active learners and proficient user. To nurture our learners, teachers need to be empowered with new strategy and pedagogy.

I wish all presenters and participants a successful and enriching seminar. I hope this publication will inspire all ML teachers to embark on a new journey of teaching and learning in the 21st Century.

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Berdasarkan dapatan Laporan Jawatankuasa Semakan Bahasa Ibunda 2010, landskap penggunaan bahasa ibunda di Singapura telah menampakkan satu trend perubahan. Biarpun tahap penguasaan bahasa Melayu masih di tahap yang baik jika dibandingkan dengan bahasa-bahasa ibunda yang lain, namun kita harus mengambil langkah-langkah proaktif demi memastikan tahap penguasaan pengguna Bahasa Melayu tidak merosot. Salah satu langkah yang perlu diambil adalah dengan memperkasakan kemahiran dan keterampilan warga guru di Singapura.

Sebanyak 24 kertas kerja yang dikongsi oleh 23 orang guru sekolah rendah, menengah dan maktab rendah. Seminar yang bertemakan '*Memperkasakan Guru dan Mempercepat Pelajar: Pengajaran dan Pembelajaran dalam Abad ke-21*' bertujuan untuk memperkasakan guru dengan strategi-strategi pengajaran yang telah diuji cuba demi mempertingkatkan kecekapan pelajar dalam menempuh pengajaran dan pembelajaran dalam abad ke-21. Diharapkan juga, guru dapat memanfaatkan perkongsian dapatan untuk dinilai semula, dinilai tambahan dan juga dipraktikkan dalam pengajaran dan pembelajaran sehari-hari.

Seminar tahun ini merupakan satu usaha kolaborasi Pusat Bahasa Melayu Singapura dan Unit Bahasa Melayu, CPDD. Seminar ini juga mencerminkan komitmen warga guru untuk memastikan agar kedudukan Bahasa Melayu menjadi bahasa yang kekal relevan dan terus dididik secara kreatif and bermakna.

Akhir sekali, saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada warga guru yang sudi berkongsi dapatan-dapatan dalam bilik darjah. Semoga sesi perkongsian ilmu di Seminar Bahasa Melayu 2011 ini akan memperkukuhkan lagi iltizam kita demi mengekalkan minat para pelajar terhadap Bahasa Melayu dan seterusnya memantapkan penguasaan Bahasa Melayu sebagai salah satu bahasa utama di Singapura.

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RABU, 1 JUN 2011, 0830 – 1300
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