Use more ICT in class, Arabic lecturers told

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TITE Sultan Saifuddin Islamic University (Unisa) yesterday held the second session of its two-day Teaching Methods workshop, this time focusing on Information Technology (IT). The workshop was held at the university hall of the Sultan Brunei Darussalam and was attended by about 40 teachers.

Delivered by Dr Che Abd Rashid, the session focused on the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) in educational settings and how it can be used to enhance educational standards.

The approach underscores the importance of integrating ICT into their teaching, such as using podcasts, online lectures, and interactive online platforms.

"We must give the students the opportunity to participate more in class and develop their confidence and communication and writing skills," Dr Che said.

The participants were also asked to reflect on their teaching methods and consider how they can be improved.

Unissa plans to meet international standards

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Sultan Saifuddin Islamic University (Unisa) has come up with a number of initiatives to ensure its educational system meets international standards.

Dr. Daud bin Mohamed Yamin, the head of the workshop, was told by the deputy minister of Education that the university will be conducting regular workshops on education, science, and technology.

The upcoming workshops will be held in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and will be open to all Unisa teachers. They will cover topics such as teaching strategies, assessment methods, and the use of technology in the classroom.

"The workshop is aimed at enhancing the quality of teaching and learning at the university," Dr. Daud said.

The participants will be taught how to integrate ICT into their teaching, such as using online resources, podcasts, and interactive online platforms.

"The workshop is a great opportunity for us to improve the quality of our teaching," Dr. Daud added.
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Teachers told to adapt to new methods

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EDUCATIONAL institutions must keep abreast with emerging technologies and adapt to new and improved methods of teaching to better prepare present and future generations of students for the challenges that they will later face in life and in education.

The Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University (Unissa) recognises this urgent need, and in moulding and preparing their existing lecturers to be better learned in new teaching methods has come up with a Teaching Methods Workshop.

The two-day workshop, conducted entirely in Arabic, began yesterday at the UBD Chancellor Hall. The opening of the workshop was attended by Deputy Minister of Education Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr Hj Mohammad Pengiran Hj Abdul Rahman, as Unissa rector and guest of honour.

Also present were academic advisor Dato Professor Dr Haji Abdul Munir Yaacob, assistant to the rector, registrar, treasurer, dean of the Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Islamic Education Institute (IPISHOAS), department heads and lecturers.

Deputy rector of Unissa, Dr Hj Mohd Yusop Hj Awg Damit, was also present to deliver welcoming remarks during the opening.

According to the deputy rector, some higher education institutes deem it compulsory for new or low-grade lecturers to undergo a teaching method course. To this end, Unissa is taking these same steps to upgrade the quality teaching of its lecturers.

In his speech, the guest of honour acknowledged that while the capabilities of the Unissa lecturers are not to be denied, the reality is that the old generation is clearly accustomed to old teaching methods.

“As time progresses, so should we adapt to these changes,” said the Unissa rector. “We need to adapt to the current educational developments and advancements of today.”

The Unissa rector further explained that these changes do not refer to the concept of Islam or the Arabic language nor the contents of the al-Quran, Al-Hadith Al-Nabawi.

“It refers to the technology of teaching, studying and methods of delivering knowledge by using today’s technology in a faster and more effective way that is beneficial to both students and teachers.”

He further acknowledged that there are advantages and disadvantages to both the old and new teaching methods.

As such, to achieve excellence in teaching and studying methods, a middle road has to be taken in which the advantages of both old and new methods are put to the best use in teaching Islamic and Arabic language studies.

Some forty Unissa lecturers from the Departments of Arabic language, Syariah and Usuluddin, took part in the workshop, in which they were educated on various topics of teaching methods.

Yesterday’s workshop held three sessions: Learner Centred Approach vs Teacher Centred Approach, Problem-Based Learning Approach and Assessment and Examination.

Facilitators of the workshop are Dr Haji Wan Mat Sulaiman of the Language Education Department, UBD’s Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Education (SHBIE), and Dr Haji Su’aaidi Dato’ Haji Safie of SHBIE’s Arts and Social Science Education Department.

The workshop aims to expose the lecturers to the importance of changing and shifting teaching strategies and of adopting new teaching methods in keeping with modern technology.

Both aims are hoped to contribute towards producing more marketable and knowledgeable graduates.

The workshop continues today with three sessions focussing on the use of Information-Communication Technology (ICT) in teaching and studying methods.

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