

English Language Test Seminar

Using English Language Scores to make informed admissions decisions in Malaysia Higher Education

On 1st April, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) with the coordination and assistance from Test Center Malaysia, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) country representative for Malaysia hosted a seminar titled English Language Test Seminar from 9.00 a.m to 12.00 noon at Putra Future Classroom, Faculty of Education, UPM. The seminar was open for public especially for those working within international admissions, international student recruitment, English-language education within a pre or in-sessional higher education context, and Post-secondary English language education policy makers. Approximately 30 people from various organizations were in attendance. The topics were discussed in seminar include:

- What should institutions should be looking for when selecting and using English proficiency tests for high-stakes purposes?
- What is the association between *TOEFL iBT*[®] test scores and other English language test providers
- What is the relationship between academic success and test scores?

Guest speaker, Ms. Helen Cook from ETS Global shared with the attendees the best practices for of international student using scores from *TOEFL iBT*[®] test for making high stakes decisions such as the setting admissions criteria, monitoring international student engagement and more. Discussion also include considerations when setting exam scores that will be appropriate to the institution's needs.

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