

Sharing Work and Learning Lessons at Singapore's First Conference

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It was an enlightening experience for me to be able to join the Inaugural Singapore Conference and Workshop. I've been to many such conferences and workshops, but each one seems to have something new in store, something new to learn or someone new to meet and talk to, and Singapore was no exception.

Some of us arrived early for the first day of the conference, so we were put to work hanging posters and banners of CLE programs throughout Southeast Asia in the meeting hall. Here, I experienced the spirit of togetherness and teamwork among the participants. Everyone helped 'decorate' the venue, chatting and laughing like old friends as we worked.

The Conference itself was very informative. I acquired new information on how to conduct an effective CLE program, and learned through the experiences of other CLE programs in the region, how each succeeded in its own way. Moreover, we had the opportunity to exchange ideas, as well as to discuss the possibility of future collaboration, either in CLE or in other aspects of education.



Team Spirit

Team spirit carried over to the Workshop, as well. Its purpose was to benefit those who did not already know how CLE works, so assistance was required from those of us who already had some knowledge about CLE. A few of us, myself included, were asked to help conduct the Workshop. Naturally, it was run in an interactive manner. No one was 'allowed' to stay quiet; everyone had to participate, either as a Learner or a Facilitator.

It was while helping out in this workshop that I learned even more interactive learning methods, methods we do not

usually use in UM. I also learned that every CLE program has its own method of delivering an effective lesson, especially in the drafting of their lesson plan. We had to agree to disagree, something that happens often in CLE. But it was all done in a fun and interactive manner.

All in all, I gained a lot from the two days I was in Singapore. I met new friends and rekindled old friendships. I gained new ideas and insights for our CLE program. I love being able to take home souvenirs like that and I look forward to attending more such conferences and workshops in the future.