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**Professor of Language and Assessment
PhD in Language Testing and Evaluation (University of Surrey, London)**

OVERVIEW

Professor Saidatul possesses over 36 years of experience in the education field ranging from ESL instruction to professional communication. This includes teaching courses, facilitating workshops, and developing materials in language testing and evaluation- both locally and internationally. She now envisions bringing her expertise to the commercial world with a view of making better English a possibility for all.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

English At Work Sdn Bhd, Kuala Lumpur (2021 - present) - CEO & Co-Founder

- A business founded on the principles of making better English accessible to all. English@Work provides virtual upskilling services in professional communication relevant to the market.

Academy of Language Studies, University Teknologi MARA, Shah Alam

- Deputy Dean of Academic Affairs (Jan 2008 - Dec 2012)
- Head of Postgraduate Department (Mar 2014 - Dec 2016)
- English lecturer (1985-2021)

Malaysia English Assessment (MEA) Project, Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia - Writer/Consultant expert (Aug 2017 – December 2022)

University of Surrey, London - Centre for Research in Testing, Evaluation & Curriculum- focus group discussions with Prof Cyril Weir - participant (2003 - 2005)

Downing College Cambridge University/ Cambridge ESOL, United Kingdom, Language Testing Forum, Poster presentation on PhD study (2003)

University of Lancaster, United Kingdom, Language Testing Forum: Poster presentation on PhD study (2004)

University of Reading UK, Language Testing Forum (2003)- Participant

University of Reading UK, Language Testing & Research Conference, Poster Presentation on PhD study (2003) - participant

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EDUCATION

University of Surrey, Roehampton London UK- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Language Testing & Evaluation (2007)

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI USA- Master of Arts (MA) Measurement, Evaluation & Research Design (1992)

Indiana University Bloomington, IN USA- Master of Arts (MA) Applied Linguistics (1985)

Indiana University Bloomington, IN USA - Bachelor of Science in Education (BSc Edu) (1983)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Asia Teaching English as a Foreign Language (AsiaTEFL) – life member

Malaysian English Language Teachers Association (MELTA) – member

Malaysian Association for Language Testing (MALT) – President (2014 – present)

AWARD/CERTIFICATES

Developing & Vetting Quality Question Papers Workshop UiTM branch campuses 2012 - 2018 (Speaker/Facilitator)

Teaching Methodology II: Testing & Evaluation, University Selangor UNISEL
A Famosa Resort Hotel, Melaka. 17 - 19 October 2014
(Speaker/Facilitator)

UCSI University, June 2015 – 2017 (External Assessor)

English Language Education Reform in Malaysia: The Roadmap 2015 – 2025, Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia
(Appreciation/Writer)

HONORS

Professor VK7 – awarded Aug 2020

Sabbatical Research (Jan – Dec 2013)- English Competency among Graduates: The Case for Test Localization in Malaysia

Anugerah Cemerlang UiTM 2007

Anugerah Cemerlang UiTM 2011

Information on research papers and published work will be furnished upon request