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Australia Malaysia Virtual PhD
Internship Program - 2023

Exploring Parents' and
Caregivers' Language
Practices in Developing
Children as Malay-English
Bilinguals

Thesis Outline

My research specifically explores bilingualism in Malaysia, with an emphasis on Malay-English bilinguals. It focuses on exploring parental language practices of parents and caregivers in raising their children as Malay-English bilinguals.

Supervisors & Institutions

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Khazriyati Salehuddin
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ruying Qi
Western Sydney University

Future Goals

Given the global relevance of my research, I aim to expand my knowledge of bilingualism and children's language development beyond Malaysia which AMVPIP 2023 has opened so many doors and opportunities for me to be actively involved in research.

AMVPIP Experience

I had the privilege of working under the supervision of Dr. Ruying Qi during a 12-week internship, where I actively participated in the program and attended several international talks. One of these talks was delivered by Prof. Dr. Annick De Houwer, a renowned scholar in bilingualism and children's language development. Although the virtual internship has concluded, my collaboration with Dr. Ruying Qi and Dr. Khazriyati extended beyond it.

Key Takeaways

- 1) Established strong support system by sharing experience on problem-solving and communication skills among the other amazing PhD scholars and AMVPIP Mentors from all over Malaysia.
- 2) Expanded my knowledge of bilingualism and children's language development beyond Malaysia.
- 3) Enhanced my research and collaboration skills, not only locally but also globally.