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Designing a Malaysian
Framework for Developing
CEFR-Aligned English Language
Materials for Primary Schools

Thesis Outline

This thesis focuses on designing a framework for developing English language materials for primary schools that suit the Malaysian context. The framework is grounded in teachers' experiences and the perspectives of local material development experts.

Supervisors & Institutions

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Future Goals

I have a list of academicians with whom I would like to work on publishing academic manuscripts. Maybe a postdoctoral research position at an Australian university would be nice!

AMVPIP Experience

AMVPIP has helped me with my PhD, especially in qualitative data analysis and academic manuscript writing. My relationship with the host supervisor continues even after AMVPIP ends—we are currently working on an edited book project together with my local supervisor.

Key Takeaways

- 1) The most memorable experience was that my host supervisor was incredibly responsive! I could ask anything, and he would reply within seconds.
- 2) You may experience culture shock when you realize that you can call your supervisors by their first names instead of their academic titles, and they treat you more like a colleague than a student.
- 3) To always choose quality over quantity when it comes to publications.