

**Workshop Title: Tools and Tricks of The Trade For Teaching**

**Speakers:** Prof. Dr Abd Karim Alias, USM

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Workshop Synopsis**

Engaging and motivating students in the face-to-face classroom are always very challenging task faced even by seasoned educators. To make matter even more challenging is the fact that the average concentration span of adult learners is very short (around 9 seconds). Conducting online class take the challenge of engaging students to another level. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the educators to find ways to gain the learner's attention using creative strategies such as interactive learning activities.

It is important to develop an understanding of what underpins the engagement of students in online learning environments. Many strategies and tools can be explored in providing learning experiences that will support student engagement and satisfaction.

In this session, the speaker will share some of the tools and 'tricks of the trade' that can be used and integrated in the course design. At the end of the session, the participants should be able to apply some of the practical tools and tricks in their class.