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The Transnational Sustainable Education Research Network

An Asian focused collaboration of educational researchers and language experts will investigate possible avenues for a better educational landscape in resource scarce areas, with the hope that our joint efforts provide sustainable and culturally appropriate learning opportunities for all. The primary focus is on English language education as an empowering tool within a multilingual landscape. The network is a collaboration among leading universities in Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Nepal, Hong Kong and China to date.

Focus groups link individual researchers around shared research areas, such as Multilingualism in English Language Teaching. As such, I am happy to write this letter to you indicating Sunway University's Centre for English Language Studies interest, commitment and support for sharing research, expertise and possible joint publications through researcher-to-researcher linkages between our institution and other Universities.

In this focus group, I am glad that Professor Padmini Bhuyan Boruah and Assistant Professor Dr Pranjana Kalita Nath of the Department of English Language Teaching, Gauhati University, India have agreed to work with Professor Stephen Hall of Sunway University, Malaysia, Dr. Tamas Kiss (Sunway University, Malaysia), Dr Barli Bram (Sanata Dhamma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia), Prof Laxman Gnawali (Kathmandu University Nepal), Prof Motikala Subba Dewan, (Tribhuvan University Nepal) and Prof. Padmini Shankar (The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India) on a research project entitled **English Language Teachers' reflections on negotiating policies, identity and practice**, with logistic coordination from CELS Sunway University.

Preliminary findings will be communicated and shared with a broader professional audience at a virtual / blended conference organized by Sunway University CELS.

I look forward to ongoing discussion and sharing publication outcomes which will showcase commonalities, as well as the specific findings from each of our unique contexts. Your collaboration is very valued.

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