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UNIVERSITI Putra Malaysia (UPM) established the Malaysian International Centre for English Language Teaching under the Faculty of Education Studies in 1995.

The centre is involved in English Language Teaching (ELT), research and development, ELT resource management, recruitment, publication and organising conferences, among others.

One of the important conferences that it organises is the Malaysian International Conference on English Language Teaching (MICELT).

"MICELT is a platform for the exchange of ideas, dissemination of research findings and networking of

professionals in the field of English Language teaching," says MICELT chairperson Dr Arshad Abd Samad who is from UPM.

The theme for this year's conference is *Negotiating Change and Continuity in ELT Research and Practice*.

"This year's conference will focus on research in line with the status of UPM as a research university.

"The conference is expected to act as a catalyst for improved teaching as well as the formulation of new ideas and insights into research," says Arshad.

The conference this year will see the participation of world-renowned education experts.

They are Professor Bonny

Norton from Canada who will speak on identity, language learning and international development; Professor Paul Seedhouse from the United Kingdom whose paper will be on interaction in the language classroom; Professor Liz Hamp-Lyons who is also from the UK and whose interests include school based assessment; and Professor Anthony Kunnan and Professor Joan Jamieson from the United States.

The conference will be held at Royal Adelphi Hotel in Seremban on May 12-14.

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