UIIT assessment item 2

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A short essay identifying the possible change in your personal teaching philosophy due to application of ICT

Nowadays, ICT is an important tool that assists teaching. In the following, I would select a general studies topic, Hong Kong history, to describe and compare the differences between my teaching methods or strategies with and without ICT tools.

First of all, with ICT tools, we can combine different media together such as text, pictures, sound, video and animation to provide different learning stimulation, thereby increasing the effectiveness of learning incentive. For example in my general studies lessons, I use animation or concept maps to help students to understand difficult concepts, i.e. the relationships between nations. The idea shown would be more organized and clear. Also, I can search many old photos and videos which show the past from internet within a short time. And I can show loads of photos and video to students in an efficient way like PowerPoint. We can see ICT tools help presenting the idea more graphically and visually. And that’s a lot more convenient than the past.

Also, with the use of ICT, there would be a more interactive teaching and learning. My BP school is using the electronic interacting whiteboard now. It is a touch screen device like a big I-pad. The device acts as a story board communicator. Students can touch the screen, see and play games in the lesson. And they love me to use the board as it is much more interesting. Besides, with the board, I do not need to waste time on erasing the written words, just click a button is okay.

Other than the whiteboard, student can have their own tablets in some of the lessons. The e-book is in the device. With the E-book, students do not need to flip over the thick books troublesomely. Student can get what they want with just a few clicks. Students can listen to the audio file and look at the animations instead of the paper in the lesson. They are not only interacting with the teacher, but also the textbook itself. With the wireless internet, student can upload their answers on the internet. Every students ‘answers are recorded. I can know the learning effectiveness immediately and catch out the slow learners. The interaction between teaching and learning is instant and optimized.

However, without application of ICT, I may not find many resources for assist teaching. May be I need to go to library or ask my elder relatives to know more about the past. As a result, resources like newspaper and photos could be found. However, the number of resources would be limited. In the teaching, a few photos could be shown. But the main information is told by the teacher, that’s me, a young adult that normally do not have much idea about the history as we don’t have much lives experiences. More preparation works are needed. To add more, I need to use some valuable time for write or make changes on the blackboard during teaching.

Actually, I think using ICT tools is much better than not using it. My teaching and learning experience are well be with ICT tools. In my future teaching life, I think I am inseparable with ICT tools and ICT tools would be more popular.