**Virtual Visiting Professor Project**

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**Project plan**

Based on Dr. Mengzhu Yan’s expertise in linguistics (intonation, phonology, and intercultural communication among non-native and native speakers of English), she will give a special lecture with active pronunciation and presentation activities to third-year Business English students who will enroll in Listening and Note-taking in English Course in Semester 2-2021. As part of the Business English Mobility Program at Prince of Songkla University (Trang Campus), this group of students will be taking off to study in China for one year if the borders reopen in 2022. So this project has been designed to provide the students the opportunity to build up their intercultural learning and communication skills with the native Chinese lecturer before they take off to China.

**Topic: “Effective English presentation and intercultural communication”**

Proposed time: 2 weeks (8 hours in total) in January 2022

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| **Week** | **Topic** |
| Week 1\_Class 1 (2 hours) | Introduction to phonetic knowledge + intonation practice  (Focus: Intonation practice/ fascinating facts and authentic examples of pronunciation and intonation/ cross-language comparisons) |
| Week 1\_Class 2 (2 hours) | Effective listening (Focus: native vs. non-native listening) |
| Week 2\_Class 1 (2 hours) | Effective speaking and presentation |
| Week 2\_Class 2 (2 hours) | Making effective arguments for IELTS speaking and writing |

\*Topics are subject to change.