

FOREWORD

Dear Reader,

This issue of Forum number seven is an expedition into the ever-growing needs of the most effective communication medium '*language*'.

The new millennium has indeed heralded an unprecedented need to reach out and communicate effectively in order to bridge the gap amongst individuals, nations, communities and civilizations. Never before, perhaps, has there been such a powerful and pressing need for this indispensable quest.

It is widely recognised that language is a 'living organism' that grows, develops and evolves and is influenced by the needs and demands of different spheres of our lives. The question is whether we are aware of the many variables that are influencing our language use and requirements.

No doubt you'll find many intriguing theses, addressing both directly and indirectly, factors affecting the many features of foreign language learning.

Forum 7 has attempted to highlight critically and methodically just a few of the burning issues in language teaching and learning.

Over to you, with the hope that you'll find it equally intriguing.

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