

**e-Poster Title:** Self-access preparation for a language assessment:  
The GSLPA

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### **Abstract**

The Graduating Students' Language Proficiency Assessment is a suite of language tests in English and Chinese that are compulsory graduation requirements for students at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Though there is no requirement to attain a particular score on the assessments, it is the University's hope that students will take advantage of the resources available to them throughout their course to improve their language skills. These resources include both taught programmes and self-access language learning.

Students can prepare for the GSLPA (English) tests by attending preparation workshops or through self-access learning. The English Language Centre (ELC) of the University provides a GSLPA Learning Package that students can use in the Centre for Independent Language Learning or online from the GSLPA (English) website.

Through this poster, the presenters will illustrate how the Learning Package and other resources are designed to meet the demands of students eager for test preparation. It is anticipated that the presenters will engage in fruitful discussion with colleagues on the whole issue of self-access language test preparation.

### **Biodata**

Alan Urmston is the Coordinator of the Graduating Students' Language Proficiency Assessment (English). His professional interests are language assessment and language education policy.