Block Y, Room Y301

Presentation Title: Evaluation of MyAccess for Hong Kong

Tertiary Students

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Abstract

The main purpose of the presentation is to share with colleagues teachers' as well as students' experience and perceptions in using MyAccess, an online learning platform for students to improve their writing. The presentation will be divided into five parts:

- 1) a statistical analysis of students' performance during the service;
- 2) Students' own perception of MyAccess
- 3) Teachers' perception of MyAccess;
- 4) Some of the language problems that My Editor does not edit.
- 5) Some suggestions for future implementation. The system is considered to be useful to give students motivation to provide more drafts before meeting individually with a teacher, but of limited use in terms of offering writing feedback.

Biodata

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