An academic visit from Sekolah Menengah Sains Hulu Selangor (SEMASHUR) to the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM

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On the 4th of September 2024, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) had the pleasure of hosting an academic visit from Sekolah Menengah Sains Hulu Selangor (SEMASHUR). A group of 36 enthusiastic students, accompanied by 2 dedicated teachers, embarked on this educational journey with the objective of encouraging students in STEM to consider pharmacy as their choice of career path.

The visit commenced with a warm welcome and a brief introduction to the faculty. The students were then treated to a short promotional talk about Adas Apothecary Pharmacy, a pharmacy shop owned and operated by the faculty. This session provided valuable insights into the practical aspects of running a pharmacy and the entrepreneurial opportunities available in the field.

Following the introduction, the students participated in an interactive activity designed to introduce them to various career paths in pharmacy. This engaging session aimed to broaden their understanding of the profession and inspire them to consider a future in this vital healthcare sector.

After a short lunch and prayer break, the students were taken to the Laboratory Animal Facility and Management (LAFAM). Here, they engaged in hands-on practical activities, including transferring animals from one cage to another, animal restraining using different methods (hand, towel, do-it-yourself plastic), and oral gavage. Additionally, they watched an informative video that provided an overview of the animal facility at the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM.

The next stop was the imaging unit, where the students had the opportunity to learn about and try different types of microscopes. This experience allowed them to gain a deeper understanding of the tools and techniques used in pharmaceutical research.



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The visit continued with a tour of the simulation lab, where the students explored the world of clinical pharmacy. This immersive experience highlighted the critical role pharmacists play in patient care and the importance of clinical skills in the profession.

The day concluded with an interactive session at DK4, where the students gathered to meet and engage with the dean of the faculty. This session provided a platform for the students to ask questions, share their thoughts, and gain further insights into the field of pharmacy.

Overall, the academic visit from SEMASHUR to the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM, was a highly enriching experience for the students. It not only broadened their knowledge of the pharmacy profession but also inspired them to consider the diverse career opportunities available in this dynamic field. The visit successfully met its objective of encouraging students in STEM to consider pharmacy as a viable and rewarding career path.









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