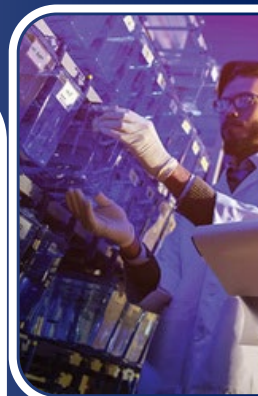


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Fostering Collaborative Partnerships in Pharmacy Education: A Landmark MoU and LoA Signing Ceremony

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In a significant stride towards fostering collaboration and innovation in pharmacy education and research, a momentous Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Letters of Agreement (LoA) signing ceremony took place on 21 November 2023 at Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR) Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Pulau Pinang Branch, Malaysia. The five MoUs and three LoAs signed between UiTM and the eight institutions are in line with UiTM's aspiration to become globally renowned by 2025. The ceremony exemplifies UiTM's commitment to forging strategic partnerships and fostering collaboration on a global scale.



Esteemed UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch Rector, Prof. Dato' Ir. Dr. Haji Rashidy Razali (centre) engaging in a casual discussion with APDFI representative Dr. Yusmaniar (left), and Assoc. Prof. Ir Ts. Dr. Noraini Sulaiman, Deputy Rector of Academic Affairs (right), during the ceremony, which was attended by UiTM CPP's top management team.

Attended by over 90 delegates from 35 esteemed institutions under the **Asosiasi Pendidikan Farmasi Indonesia (APDFI)** and UiTM, the event marked a pivotal moment in the journey towards academic excellence and international cooperation in the field of pharmaceutical sciences. The primary objective of the ceremony was to formalise agreements aimed at promoting academic exchange, facilitating research collaborations, enhancing curriculum development, fostering student mobility programmes, and strengthening institutional linkages among the participating institutions.

Prof. Dato' Ir. Dr. Haji Ahmad Rashidy Razali, the esteemed Rector of UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch, and *Ketua Umum* APDFI, Dr. Yusmaniar, took centre stage to officiate the signing of the MoUs and LoAs. The MoU signing ceremony was witnessed by Associate Professor Ir Ts. Dr. Noraini Sulaiman, the Deputy Rector of Academic Affairs, underscoring the significance of the agreements and the academic leadership's support for collaborative initiatives. The ceremony was also attended by the Deputy Rector of Industry, Community and Alumni Network (ICAN), Associate Professor Dr. Kay Dora Abd Ghani, and the Assistant Rector, Mr. Amir Heberd Abdullah.



Signing of the MoU. Ibu Nurhidayati Harun (left) represented Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Kesehatan (STIKes) Muhammadiyah Ciamis.

The MoUs signed during the ceremony encompassed partnerships with five distinguished institutions. Dr. Apt Iswandi S.Si. M. Farm represented **Setia Budi University**, while H. Engkus Kurnadi represented **Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Kesehatan (STIKes) Karsa Hasuda Garut**. Dr. Yusmaniar represented **Politeknik Kesehatan Kementerian Kesehatan Jakarta**, and Akhiat represented **Politeknik Kesehatan Kementerian Kesehatan Pangkal Pinang**. Additionally, Nurhidayati Harun represented **Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Kesehatan (STIKes) Muhammadiyah Ciamis**. Meanwhile, the Letters of Agreement (LoAs) involved collaborations with three notable institutions. Dra. Riati Yulia Emanuel Awusi represented **Akademi Farmasi Tadulako Palu**, while Madam Lili Sartika represented **Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Kesehatan Hang Tuah Tanjungpinang**. Adhistry Kharisma represented **Akademi Farmasi Yarsi Pontianak**.



Signing of the LoA. Dra. Riati Yulia Emanuel Awusi (second from left) represented Akademi Farmasi Tadulako Palu.



Gifts exchanges between UiTM and APDFI representatives.

Dr. Mohd Nadzri Mohd Najib, along with his dedicated team from the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM Bertam Campus, Pulau Pinang, played a pivotal role as the initiator in orchestrating the successful execution of the event. The agreements signed during the ceremony paved the way for a diverse array of collaborative initiatives aimed at advancing pharmaceutical education and research. Participating institutions committed to facilitating academic exchange programmes, enabling students and faculty members to engage in cross-institutional collaborations, joint research endeavours, and knowledge-sharing initiatives. Furthermore, by pooling their resources, expertise, and infrastructure, signatory institutions aimed to undertake collaborative research projects addressing critical healthcare challenges such as drug discovery, pharmacogenomics, and drug delivery systems. In addition, collaborative efforts were directed towards enhancing the quality and relevance of academic curricula by integrating industry-relevant skills, emerging technologies, and interdisciplinary perspectives. The agreements also sought to facilitate student mobility programmes, including exchange programmes, internships, and study tours, providing students with invaluable opportunities to gain international exposure, cultural immersion, and hands-on experience. Moreover, through sustained collaboration and networking activities, signatory institutions aimed to strengthen their institutional linkages, foster mutual trust and understanding, and cultivate long-term partnerships based on shared values and goals.

Overall, the MoU and LoA signing ceremony underscored the collective commitment of the participating institutions towards fostering collaboration, innovation, and excellence in pharmaceutical education and research. This event, exemplifying UiTM's aspiration to achieve global recognition by 2025, signifies its dedication to forging strategic partnerships and fostering collaboration on an international level. As the signatory institutions embark on this collaborative journey, they remain steadfast in their dedication to advancing the frontiers of knowledge and addressing the healthcare challenges of tomorrow.



Enthusiastic delegates from **UiTM** and **APDFI**, representing various institutions, during the meaningful MOU and LoA signing ceremony.

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