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International Colloquium with Strategic Partners: Advancing Teaching Excellence and Research in Pharmacy and Health Science

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In today's interconnected world, the pursuit of academic excellence must transcend geographical boundaries. Nowhere is this ethos more evident than in the field of pharmacy and health sciences, where collaboration, innovation, and shared commitment are essential in advancing knowledge, addressing global health challenges, and driving positive changes in human lives. The Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Bertam Campus, Pulau Pinang, was honoured to host the "International Colloquium with Strategic Partners: A Focus on Teaching Excellence and Research in Pharmacy and Health Science". This international colloquium successfully served as a platform for knowledge exchange and the establishment of research collaboration.

The colloquium, held on Wednesday, 22 November 2023, at Bilik Mesyuarat Utama (BMU), UiTM Bertam Campus, Pulau Pinang, attracted over 60 participants, including faculty members, researchers, educators, and students from both Malaysia and Indonesia, to explore new frontiers in pharmacy education and research. The event was also live-streamed through the Faculty of Pharmacy Kampus Bertam Facebook page to reach a wider audience. With a diverse lineup of 12 distinguished speakers and industry professionals, the event catalysed meaningful dialogue and knowledge sharing among the delegates.

The overarching theme of the colloquium was the promotion of teaching excellence and research innovation in pharmacy and health science. Through a series of presentations and panel discussions, participants explored emerging trends, best practices, and collaborative opportunities in pharmacy education and research. The colloquium featured a diverse range of topics, from innovative teaching methodologies to the latest advancements in pharmaceutical technology. Speakers from leading academic institutions, including **Poltekes Kemenkes Jakarta II (Indonesia)**, **Polteka Katolik Mangunwijaya Semarang (Indonesia)**, **Akfar Mitra Sehat Mandiri Siodarjo (Indonesia)**, Universiti Sains Malaysia (Malaysia) and UiTM Bertam Campus, Pulau Pinang (Malaysia) presented their research findings and shared experiences, as well as valuable perspectives on the global landscape of pharmacy education and research.

In conjunction with the event, the delegates also leveraged the opportunity to explore new avenues for collaborative research projects, student exchange programmes, and joint initiatives for advancing the field of pharmacy and health sciences. As the colloquium drew to a close, participants reflected on the transformative power of collaboration and the importance of working together to advance knowledge. With a shared sense of purpose, attendees left the event inspired to continue their journey towards excellence in pharmacy education and research.

This international colloquium achieved key outcomes of strengthening academic partnership between Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM Bertam Campus, Pulau Pinang and its international Indonesian counterparts. It is hoped that such an event is not a one-off programme but a jumpstart for future collaborations with other international counterparts.



The faculty members believe that by bringing together experts from diverse backgrounds and fostering meaningful, sustainable collaboration, we can address the complex public and health challenges the world is currently facing. As we look towards the future, let us continue to harness the power of synergy to drive innovation, advance knowledge, and improve health outcomes for all.



Engaged participants exchanging ideas and insights during an interactive session.



Attendees eagerly gathering at the commencement of the session, prepared to engage in the forthcoming discussions.



Miss Paulina Maya Octasari from Polteka Katolik Mangunwijaya Semarang, Indonesia, delivering a compelling presentation on the latest developments in pharmacy education and research.



Deputy Rector of UiTM Bertam Campus, Pulau Pinang presenting a token of appreciation to Dra. Yusmaniar, a representative from the Indonesian delegation, strengthening ties and fostering collaboration between institutions.

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