



PHARMALINK: UiTM- UNHAS 2024

Fostering International Collaboration

IN PHARMACY EDUCATION

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From October 23rd to October 28th, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) hosted the PharmaLink program, an international exchange initiative aimed at bridging pharmacy students from Malaysia and Indonesia. Organised by the Society of Pharmacy Students (SOPHYS) at UiTM, the program welcomed students from Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS) in Makassar, Indonesia, fostering a shared learning environment and cultivating professional networks in the pharmacy field.

PharmaLink offered an enriching experience for the visiting UNHAS students, combining academic, cultural, and community service activities that highlighted UiTM's vibrant campus life and commitment to public health. The program schedule included classroom learning, hands-on lab sessions, community outreach, and cultural exploration around Kuala Lumpur, creating a comprehensive and immersive experience for both the visiting students and their UiTM counterparts.

Event Highlights

23rd October: Arrival and Check-In

The UNHAS students arrived at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) and were warmly welcomed by UiTM representatives. They checked in at the student residence, settling in for their week-long stay and getting acquainted with the campus environment.

24th October: Welcoming Ceremony and Campus Tour

The first full day began with an official welcoming ceremony at UiTM's Gallery Room, followed by a campus tour led by UiTM student guides. In the afternoon, UNHAS students participated in a sharing session with UiTM's student bodies, including *Majlis Perwakilan Pelajar* (MPP), *Sekretariat Mahasiswa Farmasi* (SMF), and Society of Pharmacy Students (SOPHYS). The session was designed to foster engagement and collaborative planning for the upcoming World Pharmacist Day (WPD) event. The evening ended with dinner at the student residence, allowing participants to bond in a relaxed setting.





25th October: Academic Engagement and WPD Preparation

On this day, the UNHAS students attended sit-in lectures and lab sessions, gaining insights into UiTM's clinical pharmacy practices. The experience was enhanced by hands-on lab activities that encourage discussions around the latest advancements in pharmacy. The afternoon was dedicated to preparation for WPD activities at Dewan MPKS Saujana Utama, where students brainstormed ideas to engage the local community in pharmacy-related health education.

26th October: Community Service for World Pharmacist Day

A highlight of the program, the WPD celebration saw UNHAS and UiTM students working side by side to promote public health awareness through various community service activities at Dewan MPKS Saujana Utama. This event provided the students with a chance to engage directly with the community, emphasising the critical role of pharmacists in public health.

27th October: Cultural Exploration Day

Taking a break from academic activities, the UNHAS students spent the day exploring the cultural and historical landmarks of Kuala Lumpur. This outing allowed them to experience Malaysia's rich heritage while building stronger connections with their UiTM buddies, who served as guides. The day served as a bonding experience, encouraging cross-cultural appreciation and camaraderie among the students.



28th October: Closing Ceremony and Farewell

The program concluded with a farewell ceremony where participants reflected on their experiences and shared memorable moments. Certificates of participation were awarded to the UNHAS students, marking the completion of a successful exchange program. Contact details were exchanged, ensuring that the professional relationships and friendships formed would continue beyond the program's end.

PharmaLink demonstrated UiTM's dedication to fostering a global perspective in pharmacy education, enriching students' understanding of healthcare challenges across borders. This partnership with UNHAS emphasised the significance of cross-cultural collaboration, contributing to the development of a network of future pharmacists in Southeast Asia.

In summary, the PharmaLink program was a resounding success, reflecting the commitment of UiTM and UNHAS to creating a dynamic and interconnected learning experience. UiTM eagerly anticipates future international collaborations that will further enhance the educational journey for pharmacy students worldwide.