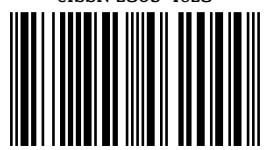


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MIVG Unearths Medical Students' Talents and Potentials in Sports

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A medical student is often seen as a bookworm and an individual whose extra-curricular activity might not be on par with students of other courses. In reality, medical schools in Malaysia actually host an annual event where medical students compete against each other in a variety of events to reach the prestigious title of champion. The Medic Intervarsity Games, or MIVG in short, is an annual intervarsity sports event held by the Asian Medical Student Association (AMSA) Malaysia.



MIVG aims to promote a healthy lifestyle among medical students and foster good relationship and sportsmanship in medical schools in Malaysia. After two years of being held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year AMSA proudly announced that MIVG will return to the physical format on three separate dates with four separate venues. The

venues were the Panasonic Sports Centre in Shah Alam, UiTM Shah Alam Sports Centre, UPM Sports Centre, and UNITEN Sports Centre. As a precaution, AMSA strictly observed proper SOP to avoid any outbreak among the players due to mass gathering.

Sekretariat Mahasiswa Fakulti (SMF) is a student association from Faculty of Medicine UiTM responsible for recruiting the best players among the medical students and managing them during the event from 8th of October to 11th of November. 26 medical schools competed against each other for MIVG 2022 in 11 physical sports and 5 E-sports. Faculty of Medicine UiTM sent a total of 171 students to a variety of sports such as Valorant, PUBG, DOTA 2, handball, volleyball, and basketball. Other physical sports that were contested besides previously mentioned include track and field, netball, football, futsal, aerodance, frisbee, badminton, and table tennis. Capping off the list of games, Mobile Legends and virtual run were also listed under the virtual category.

Despite being an annual event, MIVG is not immune from any challenges or

activities required a lot of determination and patience from students. Other than that, SMF also faced the challenge of lacking manpower to handle the huge group of players.

With many shortcomings from both the organizers' and players' sides, contingents from UiTM were still able to shine under pressure. We would like to proudly announce that our medical students bagged medals in their respective games. The gold medals were brought home by the all-time favourite aerodance, volleyball in women category, and PUBG. Valorant and the women's handball won the silver. Men's volleyball, men's handball, and the 4x100m under the track and fields were all bronze medallists. At the closing of the games, UiTM's Faculty of Medicine was ranked third overall, with USM taking the first place followed by the runner-up, AIMST University.

Last but not least, I would like to congratulate everyone in the contingent whether they won a medal or not because ultimately what they achieved was a great feat among medical students. They proved that they were not only able to show competency in academics but also in other fields such as sports. I also would like to congratulate the SMF and the volunteers for aid throughout this huge and memorable event. Before I end my writing, I would like to quote the famous basketball player, Michael Jordan, "Never say never. Because limits, like fears, are often just illusions."

