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Medical Olympiad: Where Our Future Heroes are Born

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Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love for humanity. These are the famous words of Hippocrates who is now renowned around the globe as the father of modern medicine. The significant medical advancements brought by him through modern medicine has contributed greatly towards the welfare of mankind and allowed us to lead more prosperous and fulfilling lives. It is important to note that the Medical Student Association (MESTA) of UiTM was established many years ago for this cause by helping to produce holistic medical students that are complete with ethics and professionalism. In order to further elevate the quality of our future doctors, MESTA took a proactive initiative by organizing a program which is widely known as Medical Olympiad.



Medical Olympiad is an annual program held by the Academic Bureau



of MESTA in order to improve the academic performance and welfare of medical students of the Faculty of Medicine in UiTM. This program mainly involves Year 2 students who will be sitting for the preclinical Professional Examination at the end of the semester. The focus of this program is to test the level of the students' preparation as well as providing a reliable medium to measure their progress in terms of academics. This is done by attempting to emulate the format and components which are commonly found in the real exam. By providing this type of exposure, it allows the students to familiarize themselves with the questions and build their confidence as they advance through medical school. Medical Olympiad is typically held over the span of three days, with each respective day focusing on one or two components of the exams which are very familiar among our students.

The first round mainly tests on Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) whereby the participants are given 180 True or False statements. The top 40 participants with the highest overall score will be shortlisted to enter the second round which tests on OSPE questions. They will be required to answer a multitude of questions based on the diagrams provided by the examiners. This round heavily focuses on both gross and microscopic histology.



The final round is held on the last day whereby 9 finalists will be selected to compete in groups of three to answer Short Answer Questions (SAQ) and Problem-Based Questions (PBQ) in front of other students that spectate as audiences. This round utilizes buzzers whereby the first group that presses the buzzer will be given the opportunity to answer first, before the questions are opened to the other groups. One judge from each medical department will be appointed to evaluate the answers of the finalists and award marks for each correct response.



After having to hold this program online due to the pandemic last year, it is with great pleasure that we were able to conduct Medical Olympiad 2022 physically in UiTM Sungai Buloh campus. A wide list of standard operating procedures (SOPs) were in place in order to ensure that the program flows smoothly and so that we can curb the transmission of the virus from disseminating among our beloved students. With all the proper measures in place, the program was conducted successfully and no issues pertaining this program have ever emerged.



All in all, this program turned out to be a major success which gained full support from the students and lecturers involved. We, from MESTA,

would like to grasp this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the committee members involved in organizing this program and congratulations to all the winners that triumphed in this competition. We sincerely hope that with beneficial programs like these, we will be able to

produce outstanding doctors that aspire to dedicate their lives for the community and the people of our beautiful nation. We hope that this seemingly ordinary competition will produce extraordinary doctors that will give massive contributions for generations to come.

