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# Faculty of Medicine Open Day

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On 23rd November 2022, the Faculty of Medicine (FoM), UiTM held its first Open Day as part of a series of events to celebrate the faculty's 20th anniversary. The Open Day was held in UiTM Sg Buloh Campus and was attended by participants from Pusat Asasi UiTM, secondary school students from several boarding schools in Malaysia, as well as the faculty's medical students and staff.

Lively beats of kompang by a group of medical students greeted the participants as they arrived at the faculty lobby. The participants were ushered to the auditorium where the Open Day began with the singing of *Negaraku* and *Wawasan Setia Warga UiTM* by the FoM's students' choir, followed by doa recital.

The Open Day was officiated by the Dean, followed by an introductory talk

about the faculty by the Deputy Dean (Academic) and a sharing session by an alumnus.



The participants were subsequently divided into small groups and were rotated through various planned activities which included a guided campus tour to the Clinical Simulation Centre (CSC) and the Anatomy laboratory, Career Fair, and health screening; the latter included weight, height, and blood pressure measurement and visual acuity examination stations. The participants



also had a chance to practice suturing hands-on. A bazaar with a variety of food trucks lined up added to the festivity.



In the CSC, the participants were given the opportunity to try out virtual reality, learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and select medical procedures at the focused skills stations. In the Anatomy laboratory, the participants observed organ dissection and specimen pots demonstrated by the department staff.



For the Career Fair, over 20 booths were prepared by all the departments in the FoM. Each department showcased their specialties in the most creative and engaging ways

providing a platform for the participants to learn about the various career pathways in Medicine, and to allow direct interaction with the department staff. The participants also had the chance to mingle with the current FoM students and learned about the student societies and extracurricular activities in FoM via the student society's booths. In between the planned activities, the participants were free to roam the faculty grounds and visit the bazaar.

The closing ceremony then took place at the faculty lobby; it was kicked off by a live FoM's students' band performance, followed by a closing speech by the chair of the organizing committee and a prize-giving ceremony, which saw the Department of Radiology emerged as the winner of the best Career Fair booth. This was followed by a lively lucky draw session and concluded with the presentation of souvenirs to each school and Pusat Asasi representatives.

Alhamdulillah, despite being the first time held on such a large scale, the Open Day went smoothly. Overall, we received positive feedback from the participants who thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We believe the Open Day had achieved the objectives set; which were to introduce Medicine as a career pathway, provide exposure to various specialties in Medicine, and allow participants to explore life as

medical students in UiTM FoM. Many had indicated that the Open Day had changed their perspectives of medical school and what life as a medical student and a doctor is like. We hope the experience will turn into an inspiration for the participants to pursue Medicine in the future, particularly in UiTM.

Our heartfelt thanks to all FoM students and staff who had volunteered and worked tirelessly in preparing and executing the Open Day. It aptly signified the togetherness of the faculty members fostered throughout the years. The Open Day was indeed a day to remember for many more years to come.

