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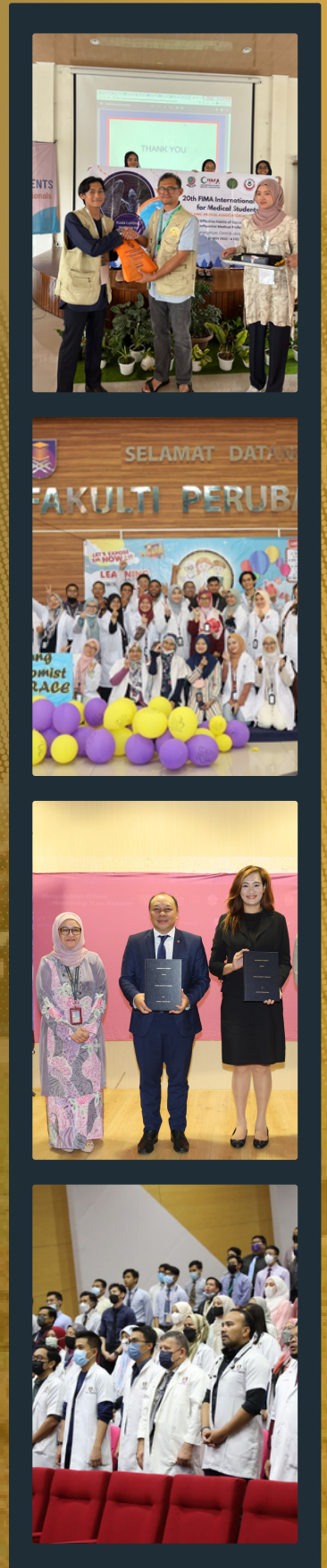
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Young Anatomist ExplorACE Program

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The Department of Anatomy is excited to share our recent success of Young Anatomist ExplorACE, a program aiming to nurture and spark young children's curiosity in exploring and racing for Anatomy knowledge through a series of plays. To our knowledge, this is the first-ever program that exposes the knowledge of Anatomy in young children in the form of hands-on and games-based in Malaysia.



The Young Anatomist ExplorACE program was held successfully on 23rd Feb 2023 (Thursday) from 8.30 am to 1 pm at the Medical Museum and lobby of



the Faculty of Medicine, UiTM. This program was led by Dr. Choy Ker Woon and was facilitated by 34 facilitators, with the participation of 97 young anatomists 5 to 12 years old. Associate Professor Dr. Fazah Akhtar Hanapiah, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine UiTM, officiated the program.

The Young Anatomist ExplorACE program is an initiative designed to provide young anatomists aged between 5 to 12 years old with an opportunity to explore the various aspects of Anatomy, including anatomical dissection, gross Anatomy, histology, embryology, and

Applied Anatomy. The objective of this program is also aligned with the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) Education Guide set by the Ministry of Education, which aims to improve early childhood education.



During the program, the young anatomists were divided into small groups. Then, each group was given a treasure map that contained the map and location of 10 Anatomy station games. One of the highlights of the game is "Body in the Jar," where the young anatomists were requested to hunt the dissection of cadavers according to a list. Before proceeding to the next station game, the quizzes and explanations were given by the station game master to the young anatomists, which further sparked their interest in Anatomy. At the end of the program, all the young anatomists were gathered again. Young Anatomist Awards were given to the best groups. Short but sweet questions and answer session was also held at the end of the program for the young anatomist and parents to answer simple Anatomy questions.



We received positive feedback from the parents, with 100% of them stating that the Young Anatomist ExplORACE program has high educational value and yet fun. Overall, the Young Anatomist ExplORACE program was a huge success, providing young Anatomists with a unique and immersive learning experience. The program not only exposed the students to knowledge but also provided them with valuable soft skills, such as teamwork and communication skills, that will benefit them throughout their life.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to the Faculty of Medicine, Medical Museum, facilitators from the various departments of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry of UiTM as well as external sponsors for their continuous support. The Department of Anatomy is hoping to organize the Young Anatomist ExplORACE program on an annual basis. We look forward to seeing the continued growth and success of the next generation of anatomists. Till then, stay tuned for the next 2024 Young Anatomists ExplORACE.