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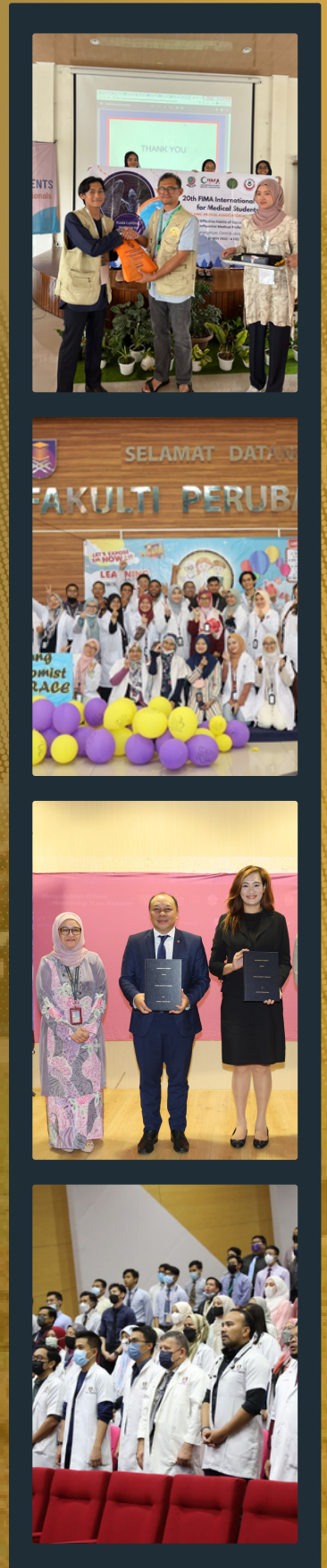
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Testing Their Limit: Imicrobe Quiz Competition

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On 11 Mac 2023, 4 students from the Faculty of Medicine (FOM) Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Puncak Alam braved the cold and dark morning to take part in a quiz competition held at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Nilai, some 80 km away from Puncak Alam. This competition, aptly named IMICROBE competition, is a yearly event organized by the Faculty of Health Sciences Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM). This year FOM UiTM was represented by year three medical students for this event.

In preparation for this competition, the Team had a few practice sessions. Since they are familiar with the question format that will be used in the competition, these sessions aimed at acclimatizing them to the feel of competition. These sessions were facilitated by Dr. Siti Norbahiyah Awad dan Dr. Noraziah Sahlan from the medical microbiology and parasitology department.



On the day of the competition, the Team, which comprised Firdaus Afiq Bin Faizal, Tengku Nur Iman Binti Tengku Fadil Hisham, Nur Sakinah Binti Mohd

Shafie and Nurfhatin Atirah Binti, Mohamed Zoefry chaperoned by Dr. Noraziah Sahlan arrived at the competition venue at around 730 am, where they had their breakfast and followed by a briefing on the competition given by the organizer. The competition started at 9 am. This year there were 30 teams from local universities all over Malaysia participating in the competition. Some universities send more than 1 team. For UiTM this year, we only managed to send 1 team.

This competition focused on microbiology, immunology, and infectious disease topics, and all their questions were based on these subjects. The competition started with the preliminary round, where the participants were required to answer several MCQ questions individually, followed by OSPE-like questions that were answered in groups. The marks from each participant contributed to their overall team marks. The total marks were then tabulated, and the teams with the top 24 scores proceeded to the next stage of the competition. Our Team did well in this round, where they managed to place at the 14th spot with total marks of 77 out of 100.

The next stage of the competition is the knockout stage. UiTM team faced their first opponent and emerged as the winner, beating the Team from Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA). Next, they faced the Team from

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), where they unfortunately lost and lost their chance to proceed to the next stage.

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In conclusion, this event had a lot of positive impact on the participants, and we plan to participate again in the coming year. With the continuous support from the faculty, we are confident that we can do better and will become a strong contender in the competition for years to come.

