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MELIVC 2023: MEDICAL ETHICS & LAW INTERVARSITY COMPETITION

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The Department of Medical Ethics and Law at UiTM is delighted to present the first-ever Medical Ethics and Law Intersarsity Competition, a groundbreaking event in Malaysia. This competition unfolded as a post-conference event following the UICCE on the 6th and 7th September and took place on the 8th September 2023. MELIVC 2023 was developed to foster awareness and promote a profound understanding of Medical Ethics and Law among medical students. Invitations were extended to both private and public universities offering medical programs across Malaysia. Ultimately, we received responses from five universities, including UiTM, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and University College Dublin Malaysia Campus (RUMC).

Seven groups participated, with UiTM and UKM sending two groups comprising medical students from various academic years. Beyond its educational objectives, MELIVC also aimed to serve as a platform for participants to foster connections, exchange knowledge, and gain insights into their respective syllabi, particularly in the domain of medical ethics and law. An overarching goal was to kindle a keen interest among medical students, encouraging their active engagement in the dynamic sphere of clinical ethics. By involving medical students, we aspire to cultivate a culture of heightened awareness and appreciation for ethical medical practices, thereby contributing to our nation's ongoing evolution of healthcare.

The competition unfolded in three rounds. The initial round tasked students with answering 30 multiple-choice questions in a timed period of 45 minutes. Each student responded individually, with the group's collective performance determining their ranking. Out of seven groups, the first-ranked group earned a coveted bye, granting them direct passage to the final round. The second round witnessed pairs of groups competing head-to-head, responding to objective questions posed by the quiz master.

The quiz master directed questions to the first group, and if they answered correctly, they earned marks. In the event of an incorrect response, the opposing team could respond. If they also faltered, the quiz master would provide the correct answer. In the suspenseful final round, the three winning groups, including those that had secured a bye, engaged in a spirited table quiz format. The quiz master read out questions, and participants raced to press a buzzer, earning the right to answer. Incorrect responses resulted in deductions, while correct answers garnered points. Should a participant's first attempt prove incorrect, the remaining teams were granted a chance to respond without penalty. If the response remained erroneous, the quiz master would reveal the correct answer.

Ultimately, UiTM's second team emerged as the victors, with both UKM teams securing the second and third positions. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the opportunity and a keen desire to participate in similar events in the future. Notably, participants of MELIVC were invited to join the UICCE, an opportunity they deemed highly beneficial.

As we draw the curtains on MELIVC 2023, we believe it has admirably achieved its objectives. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all participants, dedicated volunteers, and the organizing committee for their invaluable contributions to the success of this event. We also extend our gratitude to the Deputy Dean of Academics, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hazlyna Baharuddin, the Deputy Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Nazrun Bin Shuid, and the Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fazah Akhtar Hanapiah, for their roles in making this event a reality.