

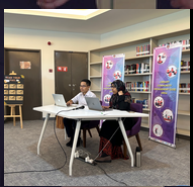


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“RESONATE, EDUCATE, CELEBRATE” THE VOICE – HASA GOT TALENT 2024 IN CONJUNCTION WITH WORLD VOICE DAY 2024

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On 23rd April 2024, the Department of Otorhinolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (ORL HNS) organized a program called ‘The Voice – HASA Got Talent 2024’. This program was held in conjunction with World Voice Day 2024 which is an annual event celebrated annually worldwide.

The main objective of the program is to empower the community by raising awareness regarding the importance of voice in daily life. It also emphasizes voice care and complications that may arise following voice abuse. The public was also being educated regarding voice exercise and rehabilitation.

The half-day program was held at Auditorium 2 Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah UiTM, from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm. The program was led by the Department of ORL HNS and comprised

of teamwork from various other departments and units such as the Department of Corporate Communication from HASA, the Infrastructure Unit from HASA, and amazing volunteers from the UiTM Students’ Surgical Association (USSA). A total number of 300 participants attended the event which were among staff of HASA, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry Sungai Buloh Campus, and Puncak Alam Campus.

The event commenced with a prayer recitation from Dr. Muhammad Ariff Sobani and was officiated by the honorable Professor Dr. Mohd Zamrin Dimon, newly elected Director of Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah UiTM. Subsequently, the event started with a Forum entitled ‘Kepentingan Suara dan Penjagaannya’. The forum was moderated by our very own Dr. Syarifah

Nafisah Syed Hamzah and among the panelists were our honorable guest, Datuk Syafinaz Selamat, Professor Dr. Masaany Mansor, and Dr. Norazila Abdul Rahim. The forum highlights regarding the importance of voice and diseases that may arise from voice abuse. We were also grateful for the tips and experiences shared by Datuk Syafinaz regarding voice care.



After the informative forum, the audience participated in a very interactive session with a Speech-Language Therapist (SLT). The short session entitled 'Voices Unleashed: 15 minutes with SLT'. The invited speakers were Madam Nur Farah Farhana Binti Jamil (SLT from HASA), Madam Sherin binti Sokmum (SLT from Hospital Canselor Tuanku Mukhriz), and Nadwah binti Onwi (SLT from Hospital Rehabilitasi Cheras). The session highlighted vocal hygiene and simple voice warm-ups and exercises.



The day resumed with the main highlight of the day which was the finals of 'The Voice HASA Got Talent'. The eight finalists who were chosen to perform during the finals were among healthcare staff and students who were chosen during the preliminary round. The honorable juries for the main event were Datuk Syafinaz Selamat, Professor Dr. Valerie Ross, and Dato Sri Dr. Hj Irmohizam Ibrahim. After a fierce battle among the finalists, Darrel Noel Lazarus, the 4th year medical student was crowned champion. The second place was Dr Muhammad Badrul Hisyam bin Mohamad Jamil a Medical Officer from the Obstetrics & Gynecology Department and the third place was Norul Hanini Mohd a Medical Lab Technologist from the Department of Clinical Diagnostics Laboratory.

Before the program ended, audiences were entertained with special performances from Tan Sri Ibrahim Abu Shah, former chairman of UiTM Board of Directors, and last but not least acoustic medley of songs from 'Melati Kuntom' a girl group consisting of staff from the Department of ORL-HNS led by Dr. Norazila Abdul Rahim and acoustic ensemble was led by Dr. Nik Mohd Hazleigh Nik Husin.





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In conclusion, the Department of ORL HNS was very delighted with the successful event as we received positive feedback from participants and colleagues. We hope this can be a yearly event during World Voice Day to create more awareness regarding voice in the future.