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INTERVARSITY BATTLE OF SKILLS 2024

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The Intersivity Battle of Skills, held on 19th – 20th July 2024 at the International Medical University, Negeri Sembilan, brought together final-year medical students from across Malaysia for a rigorous and engaging competition.

This esteemed annual event featured teams from 13 universities, including Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Perdana University, International Medical University (IMU), Manipal University, Quest International University, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), Penang, Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM), and Universitas Gadjah Mada Indonesia.

Representing UiTM, the team comprised Year 5 medical students - Ahmad Saiful Ridzuan, Muhammad Faiz Ikhwan, Harith Daniel Ahmad Mawardi, and Najah Farahin Zahrilail, under the guidance of lecturers from various clinical departments - Dr. Norashikin Saidon, Dr. Aimy Abdullah, Dr. Noor Azura Noor Mohamad, Dr. Mayuha Rusli and Dr. Mohd Fazrul Mokhtar. Prior to the event, the team underwent intensive skill enhancement training sessions at the Clinical Simulation Centre.



Figure 1: The students and lecturers participated in the Intersivity Battle of Skill Competition.



Figure 2: Student in action.

The competition spanned two days, with the first day focusing on an "Explorace" featuring eight stations that tested both academic and non-academic skills. The second day, known as "Battle Day," involved multiple rounds of clinical challenges across various disciplines.

These included solving crossword puzzles with poem-based clues for psychiatry diagnoses and medications, performing fundoscopy and interpreting fundoscopic findings, managing obstetrics cases involving CTG interpretation; demonstrating skin grafting and suturing techniques, and performing adult resuscitation.



Figure 3: "We are ready for the battle!"

The UiTM team advanced to the quarter-finals, demonstrating tremendous spirit and dedication. This is a commendable achievement, particularly since they had never been exposed to such competition before. This opportunity has certainly motivated the lecturers to strategize for future competitions, ensuring continuous improvement and participation.

