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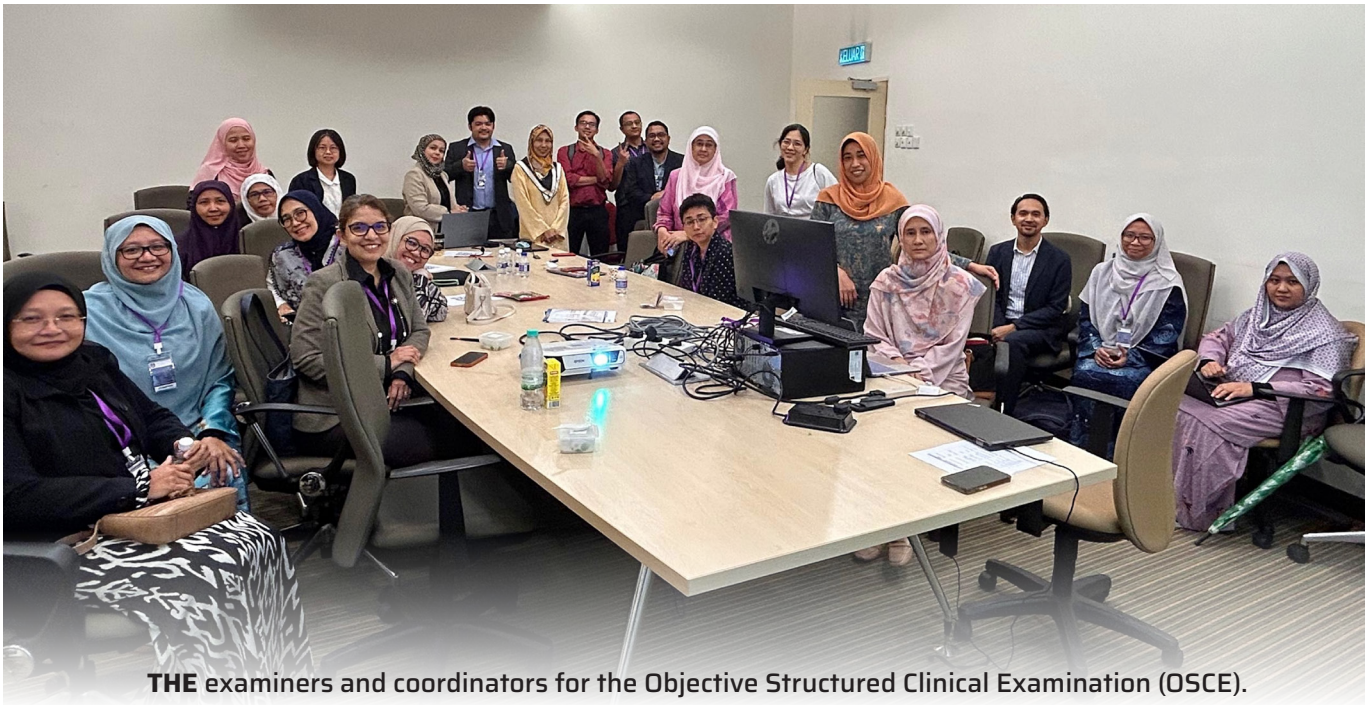
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THE examiners and coordinators for the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE).

A LANDMARK EVENT: FACULTY OF MEDICINE HOSTS MASTER OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE EXAMINATION FOR THE FIRST TIME

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The importance of rehabilitation medicine in modern healthcare cannot be overstated. As populations age and chronic diseases become increasingly prevalent, rehabilitation plays a crucial role in enhancing quality of life and promoting functional independence. It is estimated that one in three people worldwide will require rehabilitation at some point in their lifetime¹. In Malaysia, this equates to nearly 10 million individuals who could benefit from such services².

In response to this national healthcare need, the Master of Rehabilitation Medicine programme at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) was launched in 2021, making UiTM the second institution

in Malaysia to offer specialist training in this field³. Since welcoming its first cohort, the programme has grown steadily and currently trains 20 residents.

In May 2025, UiTM marked a proud milestone in its journey as a training centre when it hosted the Master of Rehabilitation Medicine Part 1 Examination for the first time. This event was historic not only for UiTM but also for the field of Rehabilitation Medicine in Malaysia, as it represented the first time the examination was held outside Universiti Malaya.

The event was organised by the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, UiTM, under the supervision of the National Conjoint Board of Rehabilitation Medicine. The success

of this examination was made possible through strong collaboration with rehabilitation specialists from several partner institutions. In addition, we were honoured to welcome Associate Professor Dr. Irma Ruslina Defi from Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia, who served as the external examiner, providing a valuable international perspective and oversight.

Months of preparation preceded the examination, including question making and vetting, case selection, logistical coordination, and meetings with the Conjoint Board and support teams. The Department of Medical Education (DoME), represented by Associate Professor Dr. Nurul Alimah Abdul Nasir, provided oversight to ensure the process adhered to academic standards and best practices in examination.

The examination was conducted in three parts, with the Theory Paper on 13 May 2025, the Long Case Examination on 20 May 2025, and the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) on 21 May 2025. All sessions were held at the Faculty of Medicine, Selayang Campus, with 22 candidates from both training centres sitting for the examination.

The event concluded



SOME of the examiners with the external examiner, Assoc. Prof Dr. Irma Ruslina (third from the left).



The event concluded successfully, with positive and encouraging feedback from both the examiners and the candidates. The department extends its sincere appreciation to all faculty members, administrative staff, examiners, and support personnel whose commitment and teamwork made this event a success.

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THE examiners and coordinators for the long case examination.



THE hard-working staff from the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine.



THE CANDIDATES sitting for the theory examination.

The department extends its sincere appreciation to all faculty members, administrative staff, examiners, and support personnel whose commitment and teamwork made this event a success. Whether working behind the scenes or on the ground, every contribution was vital.

Building on this momentum, the department have already begun preparations for the

next examination session, scheduled for November 2025. With the experience and insights gained from this inaugural hosting, the department are confident that future examinations will continue to uphold the standards of excellence in rehabilitation medicine training. This achievement represents not just a departmental milestone but also a collective step forward in strengthening rehabilitation medicine across Malaysia.

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