

No. 3 / 2025

# IMED

# BULL'

FACULTY OF MEDICINE UTM



# BEYOND THE HOSPITAL WALLS: ORL-HNS STEPS INTO THE COMMUNITY AGAIN



**PROFESSOR DR. MASAANY MANSOR** delivering an insightful lecture during the session.



**GROUP** photo of the dedicated team and participants who made the event a success.

**I** Dr. Sobani Din & Dr. Noor Shahira Mohamad Fuzi

**O**n 14 June 2025, the Department of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (ORL HNS), Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah (HASA), in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), successfully organised the fourth annual community service programme, led by Dr. Sobani Din. The previous success of similar initiatives held in Bukit Badong, Puncak Alam Housing Sdn. Bhd, and Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Saujana Utama highlighted both the effectiveness of the programme and the ongoing need to reach out to more communities. This year, the programme was extended to Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Seri Pristana, targeting schoolteachers



**HEADMASTER** Tuan Haji Zaimi trying out the hearing screening at the mobile audio booth.

and parents.

The department remains committed to raising public health awareness through education and early health screenings. This event specifically aimed to promote better understanding of ear, nose, and throat (ENT) health, as well as healthy lifestyle practices within the school community. Importantly, the initiative also served to introduce the services and expertise available at the Department of ORL-HNS HASA. Around 80 participants, including teachers and parents, attended the programme.

The event began with a prayer led by Medical Assistant, Baihaqi, followed by the official opening ceremony officiated by the Headmaster of SK Seri Pristana, Tuan Haji Zaimi. A welcoming address was then delivered by the Deputy Head of Department, Dr. Nasyatmuddin. The morning session featured a series of educational talks. Professor Dr. Masaany Mansor presented the first talk titled



A medical student conducting general health assessments as part of the community health screening initiative.



DR. SOBANI presented a certificate of appreciation to the AudioLab company for sponsoring the Mobile Audio Booth.



**DR. SOBANI** presented a token of appreciation to the ophthalmology team for their support and collaboration.

“Understanding Common ENT Issues Among School Children”, with engaging quiz session. This was followed by a presentation on “Voice Disorders Among Teachers” by Dr. Noor Elyana Ahmad Fawzi, and the final talk, “Voice Care Techniques”, was delivered by our speech therapist, Puan Hani Madihah.

After the talks, the programme continued with a series of interactive activities, including pre-tests, post-tests, and a lucky draw to encourage engagement and participation from attendees. The second half of the event was dedicated to health screenings. These included ENT assessments

by ORL medical officers and consultations by ORL specialists, as well as general health and BMI checks conducted by medical students. The department would like to thank the corporate partner, AudioLab, for sponsoring the mobile audio booth used in the hearing screening during this event.

The event also featured a number of engaging booths from other departments. The ophthalmology team provided vision screening services, allowing attendees to check their eye health and receive early advice on any necessary follow-up care. The Dietetics Unit conducted an interactive

session focusing on healthy eating habits and nutrition. Meanwhile, the Dental Unit offered on-site dental assessments and oral health education, contributing to the overall aim of promoting comprehensive health awareness within the school community.

We strongly believe that this proactive approach, combining public education with early screening, has a significant positive impact. Overall, this community service initiative offers tangible benefits not only to the teachers and students but also to the school environment as a whole by fostering a safer and healthier space for learning.