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# 23<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CAMP FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS IN MOMBASA, KENYA: MEDICINE THROUGH TIME, AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

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**AISYAH** and her groupmates with orphans in the village during Day 1 of community service.

**S**tudents from the Faculty of Medicine UiTM had benefited from the opportunity and platform given by the Islamic Medical Association Malaysia (IMAM) in joining multiple International Camp for Medical Students and Umrah Programmes since the year of 2022. These camps were organised by the Islamic Medical Association in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (IMAKSA) and the World Assembly of



**MALAYSIAN** delegates with Dr. Riyadh Abu-Sulaiman, President of IMAKSA.

Muslim Youth (WAMY).

The camps, held annually since

1999 in Jordan, typically during the summer, have also taken place

in cities including Tripoli (Lebanon), Kuala Lumpur and Langkawi (Malaysia), Bogor and Makassar (Indonesia), Istanbul (Turkey), Kampala (Uganda), Alain Alsukhnah (Egypt), Yogyakarta (Indonesia), and Albahr Alazraq (Jordan). This year, the Kenya Association of Muslim Medical Professionals (KAMMP) and the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA) co-hosted the camp in Mombasa, Kenya.

**THE** female delegates from 11 countries including Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Malaysia, Indonesia, South Africa, Syria, Congo, Uganda, Turkey, Palestine and Bangladesh.



Ten students participated in the Indonesia camp in 2022, followed by 12 students at the Malaysia camp in 2023. UiTM supported the 2023 International Student Camp in Hulu Langat, Selangor, by providing ground transport for all participants during the one-week program. This year, our Year 2 student, Siti Aisyah Jasman, was selected by IMAM as one of two Malaysian delegates to attend the camp held from 1–7 August 2025 at Sai Rock Resort, Mombasa, with the faculty’s blessings and support. Both Malaysian delegates demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, maturity, and co-curricular excellence, showing qualities that can be further nurtured into leadership and exemplary medical practice.

The camp, themed “MEDICINE THROUGH TIME: AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE #PAST, #PRESENT AND #FUTURE,” brought together 120 delegates from 11 countries. Their mornings were filled with Quran recitation and student-led halaqah sessions, followed by scientific



**FLAGGED** off at KLIA2 with Dr. Intan Kartika (UiTM Lecturer/ IMAM Youth Exco). From left: Dr. Intan, A'la (Palestinian delegate), Aisyah (UiTM) and Insyirah (UKM).

lectures and workshops by eminent international speakers. Topics included: “Islamic Ethics in the Age of Advanced Medicine,” “Islamic Medical Ethics: A Framework for Contemporary Practice,” “The Interaction between Islamic Medicine & Modern Medicine,” “Shaping



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**HALAQAH** by the beach.

assisting orphans in a village and schoolchildren and teachers at the Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan School. Evenings showcased cultural performances from all 11 countries, featuring language, attire, food, music, and games.

A special tourism day allowed students to hike Chitsanze Falls, visit Kongo Mosque and local villages, enjoy a halaqah at Diani Beach, and take part in archery and zipline activities at the Village Retreat. The camp successfully fostered networking, understanding, and volunteerism, shaping young delegates into well-rounded future doctors.

the Future of Medicine: Innovation, Challenges, and Opportunities,” and “Application of Jurisprudential Rules & Islamic Bioethics in

Modern Medicine,” all exploring the role of Shariah principles in clinical practice.

Delegates also engaged in community service,