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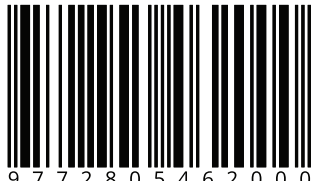
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COMMUNITY COLLABORATION PROMOTES CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS IN KAMPUNG BUKIT CHERAKAH

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A community health initiative was successfully held on 11 October 2025 at Dusun Suku Abad Homestay, Kg Bukit Cherakah Jaya, Shah Alam, Selangor. Organised in conjunction with the annual Kem Remaja (Youth Camp) by JPKK Kampung Bukit Cherakah, the program was a collaborative effort between JPKK Kampung Bukit Cherakah, Pejabat Tanah & Daerah Petaling, Masjid Al Barokah,



LINES of the committee members from doctors and nurses.

and Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah UiTM. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about cervical cancer, its prevention, and the importance of early screening.

Cervical cancer

remains one of the most preventable cancers when detected early through regular screening and vaccination. Recognising the need for greater public education, the organisers designed the program to



THE wall of information at the booth.



CERVICAL screening for all eligible woman.

be accessible, informative and engaging for the local community. By bringing healthcare services closer to the residents, this initiative helped reduce common barriers such as a lack of awareness, fear of testing, and limited access to screening facilities.

One of the key highlights of the program was the cervical cancer screening service offered on-site. Approximately 44 ladies participated in pap smear and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) screening, demonstrating encouraging community support for preventive medicine. These screenings play a critical role in detecting early cellular changes that potentially develop into cancer if left untreated. Early detection allows timely medical intervention, significantly improving health outcomes and saving lives.

In addition to screening services, many

attendees took part in a survey assessing knowledge, attitudes and practices related to cervical cancer. The survey provided valuable insights into the community's understanding of the disease while helping healthcare providers identify gaps in awareness that can be addressed through future educational programs. Such data is essential for shaping more targeted and effective public health campaigns.

The event also emphasised the importance of educating the younger generation. School children visiting the booth had the opportunity to learn about cervical cancer in a supportive, age-appropriate environment. Interactive games were organised to make learning both fun and memorable, reinforcing key messages about health, prevention, and responsible lifestyle choices. Early exposure to health education empowers



NURSES providing post-screening counselling and follow-up care.



AMONG the gynaecologists on-site.



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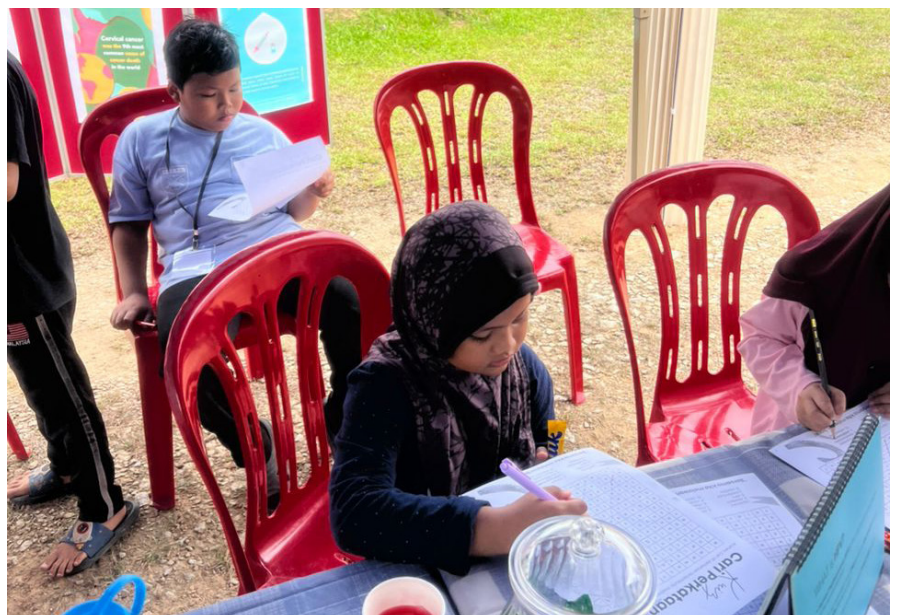


COMMITTEE members with Prof. Dr. Fazah Akhtar Hanapiah, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

adolescents to make informed decisions and encourages open conversations within families.

Parents, too, benefited from the initiative by gaining a clearer understanding of HPV vaccination, the importance of regular screening and the role they play in protecting their children's future health. The program fostered a sense of shared responsibility, highlighting that preventing cervical cancer is not solely an individual effort but a collective one involving families, healthcare providers and community leaders.

The collaboration



CERVICAL health education begins early.

between local authorities, religious institutions, community organisations, and healthcare professionals created a welcoming platform for public health education and services. This program

exemplifies community-driven healthcare promotion, helping to raise awareness, improve screening rates, and advance progress toward eliminating cervical cancer by 2030.